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Dryness prompts city fire ban

SAFETY A citywide, partial fire ban has been issued for Edmonton because of dry conditions.

Ron Jeske, the city's fire marshal, said the partial ban will remain in place until conditions change.

"Dry weather conditions mean there is a heightened risk for uncontrolled fires," Jeske said. "This ban is a preventative measure to help keep Edmontonians safe from the risk of fire." All three Prairie provinces are feeling the heat during this season.

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West Edmonton Mall **Gunless**



Paul Gross makes an appearance at West Edmonton Mall last night in promotion of his new film, *Gunless*. The film is set to debut on April 30.

LRT extension to open Saturday

TRANSIT Southside commuters who use public transportation will be rolling this weekend as the south LRT extension will officially open for business.

Construction of the south extension to Southgate and Century Park is finished and everyone is invited to the grand openings on Saturday morning.

"This is all about Edmonton trying to create a more compact urban form," said Graeme McElheran, communications officer with the City of Edmonton. "Bringing more people into



Century Park extension

central locations and having access to the entire city through an efficient mass-transit system. The LRT certainly helps achieve that goal."

Opening ceremonies start at 10 a.m. at Southgate, followed by displays, presenta-

tions and a tour. The party starts half an hour later at Century Park and will include activities for kids, a mini farmer's market, entertainment and special guests.

Construction of the two terminals started in the summer of 2007.

"The process for this project was extremely smooth," McElheran said. "Everything happened on time and on budget, thankfully."

Regular service on the new line will start on Sunday.

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Jaffer fights back

Ex-MP says he never used drugs or abused perks

Former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer says he never lobbied the government on behalf of his company, never used his wife's parliamentary perks for business — and never used illegal drugs.

The one-time Tory up-and-comer wavered between defiance and shame as he took the hot seat yesterday before a Commons committee looking into his business dealings and accusations of improper lobbying.

He bristled as he spoke of reputations being ruined "on the basis of rumour and unsubstantiated allegations for short-term political gain."

He choked up as he apologized to his family and his wife, Helena Guergis, who lost her cabinet job amid the swirl of allegations about Jaffer's business dealings.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper accepted Guergis' resignation from cabinet this month, suspended her from the Tory caucus and called in the RCMP to look into unspecified allegations involving her.

"She's the most impor-

Charges

Jaffer was stopped while driving home from a business dinner. The drunk driving and cocaine charges were eventually dropped and he paid a \$500 fine for careless driving.

tant person in my life and I love her dearly and it is very unfortunate that her good name has been dragged into my problems so unfairly," Jaffer said.

He flatly denied lobbying the government. He said any conversations he had with ministers, MPs or senators after losing office never went beyond social chit chat about his new career in business.

"If we had the opportunity to meet, it would be socially, to catch up."

"Obviously, people would be curious about the type of career I was embarking upon and I would update them on the work we were doing trying to build a new business. This would be the extent of conversations as it related to my business affairs."

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Leites vs. Taylor at MFC event

Tickets for Maximum Fighting Championship 25 Vindication are on sale now. The main event on the May 7 fight card is Thales Leites, left, vs. Jesse (J.T. Money) Taylor at the Edmonton Expo Centre. Tickets are available online at ticketmaster.ca or over the phone at 780-451-8000.

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Man charged in alleged HIV sex assault

CRIME An Edmonton man believed to have the HIV virus is accused of hiding his infection from a woman he had sex with.

RCMP allege the 50-year-old knew he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS but didn't tell his sex partner.

He is charged with aggravated sexual assault and has been released on bail. He's set for a court appearance on May 10 in Leduc provincial court.

His named isn't being released to protect the identity of the victim.

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Amanda Stepto, left, and Stacie Mistysyn bring their DJ set to the Pawn Shop this weekend.

Degrassi stars bring DJ set to town

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MUSIC While Toronto rapper Drake cleaned up at the Junos this past weekend, other members of the Degrassi TV franchise are making their marks in the nation's music circles.

As members of the classic Degrassi cast, audiences all over the world watched Stacie Mistysyn and Amanda Stepto grow up on TV. Mistysyn's award-winning run as Caitlin Ryan earned her three Gemini

nominations, including a win for best performance by a lead actress in a continuing dramatic role. Stepto played Christine (Spike) Nelson, earning nominations for both a Gemini and a Young Artist Award, not to mention legions of loyal fans.

But their latest incarnations as DJ Demanda and DJ Mistylicious have allowed the two to meet another new set of fans: Clubgoers, namely those at the Pawn Shop on Whyte Avenue this Saturday.

"Everyone just comes to

have fun and let loose, which is exactly why we enjoy doing it," Mistysyn said. "They dress up, have dance-offs and party hard."

Mistysyn said this is the pair's third appearance in Edmonton, but both are keeping busy with television as well.

"Amanda and I have been developing a TV dramedy series," she said. "We have an excellent writer and producers working with us, so hopefully it will be a reality soon."

For more information, visit pawnshoplive.ca.

Charges laid after police seize firearms, various drugs

CRIME Law-enforcement agencies arrested an Edmonton man last Friday after discovering a package filled with almost 350 vials and 10,000 tablets of steroids that was allegedly destined for his home.

The Canada Border Services Agency in Vancouver

made the discovery on April 7. The search warrant was executed on April 16.

Officers also seized six rifles, 194 grams of marijuana and 24 ecstasy tablets from the Edmonton home.

Norman Jones, 55, was

charged with two offences.

"Thanks to the outstanding co-operation between law-enforcement agencies, these items have been prevented from reaching our streets," said Vic Toews, minister of Public Safety.

The investigation is ongoing.

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Suds on tap at festival

Hundreds of samples on offer at this week's Beerfest

YONATHAN SUMAMO
for Metro Edmonton

Whether you prefer a lager or a stout, rejoice, because Beerfest is here.

The Edmonton International Beerfest, presented by Loudcity, takes over the Shaw Conference Centre tomorrow and Saturday, with about 300 different beers on offer.

Sean Farmer, manager of Loudcity and the Beerfest event, explained that

along with great games and eight different bands for some live music, those who attend will get to sample a variety of beer.

After paying an admission fee, 50-cent sample tickets can be purchased. Then these sample tickets can be used to buy four-ounce samples from different beer vendors. Samples will range in ticket price, depending on each product.

In its fourth year, Farmer said that the Beerfest just keeps on growing.

"Every single year we are just getting bigger," he said. "We started four or five years ago with a

show of 1,500 to 3,000 people who showed up, and now we will get 10,000 to 12,000 people. We have more vendors, we have more beer and we'll have more people."

Beer may not be for everyone, but that shouldn't stop you from coming to check out other attractions at the event.

"I guarantee you that you will find something," said Farmer. "There's strawberry beer, and we also do have some coolers on site, a little bit of wine and some spirits."

Farmer explained that the last three years have been sellouts, and they expect the same for this year. Only a few tickets are still available on Ticketmaster, and they are going fast.



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Do you think you have what it takes to be an Edmonton Eskimo? On Saturday, the Eskimos will be holding their annual open tryout at Clarke Stadium. The tryouts begin at 1 p.m. and will entail a series of drills including the 40-yard dash, the short shuttle and the broad jump. **METRO EDMONTON**

Cameron invited to see oilsands

ENVIRONMENT Hollywood director James Cameron has been invited to a personal screening of Alberta's oilsands operations.

Environment Minister Rob Renner says the Ontario-born driving force behind the 3-D epic *Avatar* will learn the oilsands aren't a horror flick so much as a work in progress.

"We would welcome an opportunity for him to come visit us, talk to our experts and see for himself," Renner said in an interview yesterday.

Economics

- The province estimates one out of 13 jobs is related to energy in Alberta and says every dollar put into the oilsands generates \$9 of economic activity in Canada and abroad.

"There are challenges associated with the development of any resource. I think what he needs to understand is the commitment we have to develop those resources in a respon-

sible way."

Cameron — director of Tinseltown blockbusters *Titanic*, *Avatar*, *Aliens* and *The Terminator* — told The Canadian Press earlier this week that while he doesn't know much about Alberta's oilsands, he knows they are a "black eye" on Canada's image as an enviro-leader.

Born in Kapuskasing, Ont., Cameron has been speaking out on environmental issues and on Tuesday labelled the oilsands a "wrong solution."

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Habitat for Humanity finds key partnerships

Builders donate houses, students ride for funds

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The first-ever Habitat Day in the capital region will mean a lot more to three Habitat for Humanity partner families as the local chapter made a major announcement yesterday.

As part of the celebration at the Shaw Conference Centre yesterday afternoon, local builders Rohit Group of Companies, Christenson Developments and Landmark Group of Builders announced they are each donating one home in their developments to well-deserving families.

"Habitat relies on partnerships," said Susan Green, board chair of Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. "It takes a community to build a community and these three leaders have nailed that point."

Rohit will be building a home in the Ambleside community in west Edmonton, and Christenson and Landmark will be building in the sustainable Emerald Hills community in Sherwood Park.

"We're all in support of Habitat homes in older areas," said Greg Christenson, president of Christenson Developments. "But this is really about creating new affordable homes in new outlying areas."

Habitat homes are af-



Grade 12 student Allie Stapleton takes the first shift for her team The Pick Me Ups while Katrina Douglas rests up waiting her turn. Two hundred St. Francis Xavier students are spending 50 hours on bikes to raise money to build a home for Habitat for Humanity.

fordable because families pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 per cent of their income.

While the three local builders were announcing their donations, 200 students at St. Francis Xavier High School were donating their time and sweat by rid-

ing stationary bikes in the school's atrium for 50 hours to raise money to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Edmonton and a partner family.

Their goal is to raise \$100,000 and the students will volunteer their time to help with the actual building of the house.

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Ranger programs give youth time in forests

INITIATIVE Alberta's Junior Forest Ranger and Aboriginal Junior Forest Ranger programs gave nearly 60 youth in Alberta a great learning experience this past year.

The programs were being run with funds from the Community Development Trust Fund, a feder-

al initiative that supports resource communities.

They emphasized learning and work experience in a forestry setting.

Some activities included tree planting and thinning, insect surveying and trail maintenance work. Youth in the Junior Forest Rangers also learned about

first aid and safe chainsaw operation, while those in the Aboriginal Junior Forest Ranger were taught cultural values and traditions as well as traditional medicine and harvesting.

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Keep young kids away from the dishwasher, Health Canada says

Health Canada is warning of a possible new danger lurking in the kitchen: The dishwasher. It said yesterday there have been two separate reports of young children being cut while playing next to the dishwasher in the family kitchen. The culprit: A sharp metal edge at the bottom of the dishwasher door. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Brother ordered out

The brother of a teen shot dead by Montreal police is appealing a deportation ruling ordering him back to his native Honduras. Immigration officials have declared Dany Villanueva, left, inadmissible because of a conviction for armed robbery. Villanueva's brother, Fredy, was killed by Montreal police in August 2008.

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Canada apologizes to Rwanda

GENOCIDE Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean used a state visit to Rwanda to deliver an apology on behalf of Canada for its failure to act during that country's genocide — which killed 500,000.

Jean, who is the first top-level Canadian official to visit Rwanda since the 1994 atrocity, delivered the solemn message yesterday. "The world's failure to respond adequately to the genocide is a failure in which Canada — as part of

"I think we could have made a difference."

Michaëlle Jean

the international community — readily acknowledges its fair share of responsibility," she said.

Jean's entourage said her message was cleared with the highest levels of the Harper government.

Jean elaborated on her remarks in response to a journalist's question.

She said the world, including Canada, did not respond soon enough to the atrocities taking place.

"I think we could have made a difference. I think we could have prevented the magnitude of the horror that (led) to a genocide here," she said.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean lays a wreath at a mass grave at the Kigali Memorial Centre in Rwanda yesterday. The centre was opened on the 10th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide.

Iggy blooper ousts a Tory

Aide quits in gun registry fuss

A Conservative MP's aide has taken the fall for a news release that urged Liberals to beat their leader "black and blue."

Brant Scott, assistant to Saskatchewan MP Garry Breitkreuz, resigned yesterday as the Harper government scrambled to get its strategy for scrapping the long-gun registry back on track.

The release, which went out under Breitkreuz's name, slammed Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police for supporting the registry.

Breitkreuz apologized for the missive, which he said he didn't write.

"It shows the hypocrisy of the law-and-order party ..."

Michael Ignatieff

Opposition parties accused Breitkreuz and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of hiding behind a staffer to avoid taking responsibility for a "disgraceful" insult to police chiefs.

"My view of this is that it shows the hypocrisy of the law-and-order party they're supposed to be," Ignatieff said of the Tories.

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Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty says all publicly funded schools — including Catholic schools — will have to teach a revamped sex-ed curriculum that's drawn fire from conservative groups who charge it's corrupting young minds. The curriculum will see lessons taught to kids as early as Grade 1. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ottawa Rallying the troops



Lucien Wabanonik, Grand Chief of the Tribal Council of the Algonquin Nation, delivers a speech after representatives of the Algonquin Anishinabeg marched on Parliament Hill yesterday. They are disputing property and lands rights with the federal government.

Ottawa cherry-picking detainee docs: Lawyers

Lawyers for a military hearing into prisoner hand-overs in Afghanistan accused the federal government yesterday of cherry-picking which documents it turns over.

The lead counsel for the Military Police Complaints Commission said there seems to be a "weaning-out of documents" released to the inquiry.

"What we appear to be



Ron Lunau

cerned ... we're not necessarily seeing all of the doc-

uments" related to the detainee affair.

Thousands of pages have already been given to the civilian-run military watchdog, but thousands more are caught in a paper jam as government lawyers scrub out secret information.

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cerned ... we're not necessarily seeing all of the doc-

uments" related to the detainee affair.

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Buried somewhere in the reams of paperwork still under review are a series of reports by a former for-

eign-service worker that documented allegations of abuse in Afghan jails.

The reports by Nicholas Gosselin cover at least eight claims of mistreatment by Afghan authorities between January and August 2008.

Word of their existence emerged when Gosselin testified at the hearings last week.

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Men seen sooner by specialists: StatsCan

HEALTH A new Statistics Canada report suggests men may move through the medical system faster than women when they need to see a specialist.

The report says wait times to see a specialist vary depending on the severity of the illness, however, where 51 per cent of men see a specialist within a

month, only 42 per cent of women have their first specialist appointment within that time frame. The report says it's unclear whether it's because of gender bias or whether men wait longer to get help for a medical condition and then move through the system quicker because they are at greater need.

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News in brief

NATIVES A new report has added 62 more names to a growing list of missing or murdered aboriginal women and girls. The report by the Native Women's Association of Canada pegs the total at at least 582. The report found that aboriginal females are more likely to be killed by a stranger than non-aboriginal women. It says many victims are targeted simply because they are aboriginal and their attackers assume they will not fight back

or be missed.

TAMPERING A Co-op customer is denying she inserted pins and sewing needles into food at one of the chain's Calgary grocery stores. Tatyana Granada, 43, was arrested in March and charged with mischief over \$5,000. Her lawyer says she will plead not guilty and that other cases of tampering show police arrested the wrong person. But police suggest the other cases were the work of copycats.

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Feds revive bill to sue terrorists

The federal government is reviving a bill that would allow victims to sue accused terrorists, including state sponsors of violence. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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HIV rampant in jail

Rate 'comparable' to many African countries

Rates of HIV among inmates in federal prisons appear to be rising dramatically, prompting advocacy groups to call for sweeping changes to prevent further spread of the disease, both inside the institutions and in the community at large.

A newly released report from Correctional Service Canada revealed that 4.6 per cent of prisoners reported having HIV-AIDS in 2007, more than double the 1.6 per cent rate cited in previous reports.

The 2007 survey data

Drug use

• The survey showed 34 per cent of men and 25 per cent of women used non-injection drugs, while 17 per cent of men and 14 per cent of women were injection-drug users.

are the most recent available.

"When we found the HIV prevalence rate, we were astounded at the number of 4.6 per cent," said Sandra Ka Hon Chu, a

senior policy analyst with the Canadian HIV-AIDS Legal Network in Toronto, who noted that prevalence rate is 15 times higher than that found in general population.

"So this is the new reality we're working with," she said yesterday, deeming the HIV infection rate "comparable to many countries in the region of sub-Saharan Africa."

The report also found the estimated rate of hepatitis C among federal prisoners was 31 per cent.

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Politicians question Sikh leaders' parade apology

B.C. A threat made towards two B.C. politicians has inadvertently set off a conversation about a festering problem within Canada's multicultural communities.

Organizers of a Sikh parade issued an apology yesterday, saying comments that appeared to suggest Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh

and Liberal MLA Dave Hayer were unwelcome at the parade and would have to bring their own security if they did come were misconstrued. But Hayer and Dosanjh questioned the sincerity of the apology and Dosanjh said the incident should prompt a serious debate.

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News in brief

VISAS The federal government is making special allowances for foreigners whose Canadian immigration status may have lapsed due to air traffic delays over the past week. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says temporary residents unable to leave the country due to the disruptions after their visas expired on or after April 15 will have their status automatically extended for up to 30 days. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A French military spokesman says pirates mistakenly attacked a French warship off the coast of Somalia and six were captured. Col. Patrick Steiger says the attackers fired eight rounds from automatic weapons on La Somme, a 3,800-ton refuelling ship — but missed.

World



Former IOC head Samaranch dies at 89

Juan Antonio Samaranch, a reserved but shrewd dealmaker whose 21-year term as president of the International Olympic Committee was marked by both the unprecedented growth of the Games and its biggest ethics scandal, died yesterday in a Barcelona hospital. He was 89. Samaranch, a former Spanish diplomat, led the IOC from 1980 to 2001. He was considered one of the defining presidents for building the IOC into a powerful global organization and firmly establishing the Olympics as a world force.

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Fallout worse than after 9-11: Group

SKIES Airlines toted up losses topping \$2 billion and struggled to get hundreds of thousands of travellers back home after a week of crippled air travel, as questions and recriminations erupted over Europe's chaotic response to the volcanic ash cloud. Civil aviation authorities defended yesterday their decisions to ground fleets and close the skies — and later to reopen them — against heated charges by airline chiefs that the decisions were based on flawed data. The aviation crisis sparked by a volcanic eruption in Iceland left millions in limbo and even threatened Europe's economic recovery. An aviation group called the financial fallout worse than the three-day worldwide shutdown after the 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S.

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Have money, will travel

Private jet operators see surge in business as wealthy look for flight options

For those with deep pockets, there was one way to beat the ash cloud hovering over Europe: Hire a private jet.

Seizing their chance, operators — who had been suffering from a slump in demand due to the global economic crisis — tried to meet a surge in flight requests and make a bundle using their privileged access to the few airports that remained open.

Now that restrictions are slowly being lifted across the continent, the industry is banking on the backlog that passengers face on regular airlines to pick up travellers willing to pay almost any price to get home or make that crucial meeting.

Who's flying the exclusive skies

• Among the discreet world of private aviation, no names have been mentioned. But those who had to resort to its services included Olympic champion Sammy Wanjiru, who said organizers of the London Marathon have

arranged for a jet to fly him and two other Kenyan runners to Europe in time for Sunday's race. Eymeric Segard, founder of LunaJets SA, said his company flew an opera singer to Moscow, but declined to provide details.

SA. "It's been absolutely hectic." The company saw a 50 per cent rise in demand during the airspace shutdown compared with the previous week, he said.

"We've had calls from 6 a.m. to midnight," said Eymeric Segard, founder of Geneva-based LunaJets

seats on the lesser-travelled route from Boston to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, could be had for \$53,500.

Faced with many of the same airspace restrictions as larger rivals like British Airways and Lufthansa, private jet companies took advantage of far-flung airfields and unusual routes to get around Europe while staying within the boundaries of the law.

Among LunaJet's customers were 10 desperate pharmaceutical executives who drove from the Austrian capital Vienna to Montpellier in the south of France, where they were then able to catch a private jet back to Boston.

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Probation for mom who starved son to death

BALTIMORE A woman who starved her one-year-old son to death at the behest of a religious cult leader has been given a sentence that won't require her to serve any more jail time.

Ria Ramkissoon pleaded guilty to child abuse resulting in the death of her son, Javon Thompson. The plea agreement contained an extraordinary provision: If Javon is resurrected, the plea will be withdrawn.

The cult leader told followers not to feed Javon when he did not say "Amen" during a mealtime prayer. Three people were convicted of second-degree murder.

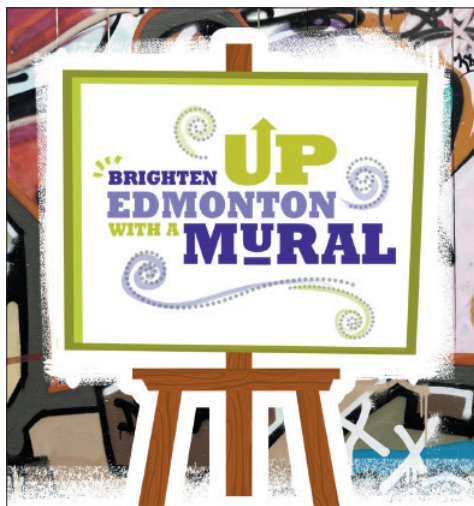
Ramkissoon, who has been in jail since her 2008 arrest, was given a suspended sentence and five years of probation yesterday. She will be committed to a residential treatment facility.

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Egypt charges 5 in crackdown

CAIRO Egypt yesterday charged five leading members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood, including a Saudi, with money laundering and raising funds abroad, in the latest government effort targeting the country's largest opposition movement. Only one of the suspects is currently in custody; the rest, including the Saudi, were charged in absentia. It is the first time a foreigner has been charged, in an apparent escalation of the government's crackdown against the group ahead of this year's legislative elections. The government has been facing a rising tide of calls for democratic reforms.

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Pakistan Waiting for water



An Afghan refugee child who lives in the slum area of Lahore, Pakistan, waits to get water yesterday. In an unstable nation like Pakistan, water shortages can easily become security threats. So warns South Asia scholar Anatol Lieven: "Water shortages present the greatest future threat to the viability of Pakistan as a state and a society."

Pope says church will confront scandal

VATICAN Pope Benedict XVI pledged yesterday that the Catholic Church would take action to confront the clerical sex abuse scandal, his first public remarks calling for change since the crisis erupted. Already, the Vatican has told bishops that they must report abusive priests to police if civil laws where they live require it. It

has promised "effective measures" to protect children. And Benedict himself has wept alongside abuse victims in Malta.

Advocates for victims are skeptical that real change is afoot.

But others argue it would be wrong to underestimate the impact of the pontiff's personal involvement in

generating reform.

"Pope Benedict is obviously anguished by sexual abuse in the church, as evidenced by his emotional meeting with victims in Malta," said the Rev. Jim Martin, a Jesuit priest and author.

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A man told the trial of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that he survived a massacre by feigning death beneath bodies of men gunned down. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

BRITAIN The saga of the lost and found dossier relating to U.K. Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg's debate preparations has added a new twist to the 2010 election campaign, already one of the closest and most unpredictable in recent British history. Someone left handwritten notes advising Clegg on how to handle the upcoming debate with Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Conservative party chief David Cameron behind in a cab.

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Problems cited in TV producer's marriage

A TV producer's correspondence with his wife, who was found dead at a Mexican resort, indicated problems in their marriage, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Rodolfo Garcia Pliego, the assistant attorney general of the Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo, said the mother and sisters of victim Monica Beresford-Redman showed him "a series of ex-

changes" between the woman and her husband, Bruce Beresford-Redman.

"Excuse me for not releasing the contents of the documents, which showed the state of the relationship," he told reporters after meeting with the family. "It appears there were problems there."

Prosecutors say Beresford-Redman, a former producer of Survivor and co-

creator of the Pimp My Ride show, is a suspect in the slaying of his wife. Her body was discovered April 8 in a sewer at the Moon Palace Resort in Cancun two days after the producer said she had failed to return from a shopping trip.

The victim's sister, Jeane Burgos, told reporters after the meeting that "we have delivered more evidence."

"We are happy with the

work authorities are doing to get justice for my sister," Burgos said.

The victim's sisters said the marriage was crumbling as a result of a long-term affair that Bruce Beresford-Redman was having with another woman and that she had gone on the trip to Mexico in an attempt to save her marriage.

Beresford-Redman has not publicly commented on those reports. He has been barred from leaving Mexico until the investigation is complete. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Monica Beresford-Redman's body was found April 8 in Cancun, Mexico.

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Parents may speak for disabled woman: Judge

A Los Angeles judge says the parents of a severely disabled woman can fight for their daughter's right to receive visits from her three-year-old triplets. Abbie Dorn was left unable to move or speak after a botched delivery of the triplets in 2006. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



South Park creators Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker.

South Park creators threatened

A radical Muslim group has warned the creators of South Park that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.

The website Revolution-Muslim.com has since been taken down, but a

cached version shows the message to South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

The article's author, Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee, said the men "outright insulted" the religious leader.

The posting showed a gruesome picture of Theo Van Gogh, a Dutch film-

maker who was shot and stabbed to death in an Amsterdam street in 2004 by a fanatic angered by his film about Muslim women.

The film was written by a Muslim woman who rejected the Prophet Muhammad as a guide for today's morality.

"We have to warn Matt

and Trey that what they are doing is stupid and they will probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh for airing this show," Al-Amrikee wrote.

"This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them."

Al-Amrikee told The As-

sociated Press that the posting was made to raise awareness of the issue and to see that it does not happen again.

Asked if Parker and Stone should feel threatened by it, he said "they should feel threatened by what they did."

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Coroner's transcript of OK Corral fight found

HISTORY A missing handwritten transcript from a coroner's inquest done after the legendary gunfight at the OK Corral has resurfaced in a dusty box more than 125 years after the most famous shootout in Wild West history.

The document had been missing for decades — last seen when it was photocopied in the 1960s.

It was found when court clerks stumbled on the box while reorganizing files in an old jail storage room in Bisbee, south of Tombstone, the Arizona frontier town where the gunbattle took place.

Stuffed inside the box was a modern manila envelope marked "keep" with the date 1881.

The inquest was done after lawmen Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and Doc Holliday confronted a gang of drunken outlaws, sparking a 30-second gunbattle in the streets of Tombstone that killed Frank and Tom McLaury and Bill Clanton. It made folk heroes of Earp and Holliday and inspired numerous movies about the untamed Old West.

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News in brief

BRAZIL An 83-year-old Brazilian priest detained on allegations of sexually abusing young boys has been moved from jail to house arrest and authorities told a newspaper published yesterday they are investigating allegations his accusers extorted money from him. Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa was taken into custody Sunday after an investigation by Brazil's legislature produced allegations that he molested former altar boys, some as young as 12. Prosecutors are weighing whether to file charges. A police spokesman said Barbosa was transferred from jail to house arrest late Tuesday. Barbosa's lawyers said he should not remain in jail because of his age and because they said he did not represent a flight risk.

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A South Florida teen who was doused with rubbing alcohol and set on fire last year is back at school, though not the same one. Michael Brewer, now 15, was burned after he told police some teens had tried to steal his father's bike. Three teens have been charged as adults with second-degree attempted murder. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Drugs a border scourge: Senator

New York Sen. Charles Schumer says Congress should force the White House to create an anti-drug-smuggling strategy for the border with Canada.

It should be similar to the strategy in place for the southern border, Schumer said.

The New York Democrat yesterday cited statistics showing large increases in cocaine, heroin and marijuana seizures along the

U.S.-Canadian border since 2007.

Most of the club drug Ecstasy sneaked into the United States crosses the northern border.

"Even in the face of increased drug smuggling, the administration lacks a comprehensive strategy to fight this scourge," said Schumer, who said he will seek support for a bill from colleagues in other border states.

Northern border agents

"The administration lacks a comprehensive strategy to fight this scourge."
Sen. Charles Schumer

who seized a single kilogram of heroin and cocaine in 2007 seized 18 kilograms of cocaine and 28 kilograms of heroin in 2009, U.S. Justice Depart-

ment statistics show.

There were 3,423 kilograms of marijuana confiscated last year, compared with 2,792 kilograms two years earlier.

While those numbers are dwarfed by seizures from the southern border, the reverse is true for Ecstasy seizures. Since 2005, agents have seized eight times the club drug at the northern border than at the southern border.

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Nicaragua Protest turns ugly



Nelson Hurtado, a journalist of the pro-Nicaraguan government Channel 4, is carried away by riot police after being hurt during a confrontation with an opposition supporter during a protest by supporters of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, FSLN, in Managua yesterday.

Bosnian veterans fight riot police over benefits

PROTEST War veterans protesting proposed cuts in state benefits set fire to a government building in Bosnia yesterday and drove back riot police who tried to disperse them.

The police used tear gas against the more than 5,000 protesters then withdrew, leading the protesters to storm the building, break its windows and set the ground floor on fire.

A small group of policemen was temporarily trapped between the blaze

and the furious protesters, but ambulance crews pulled them to safety.

Police said 69 people were injured, 32 of them policemen and 37 demonstrators.

The veterans had fought in the Bosnian war that pitted the country's three main ethnic factions — Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks, or Bosnian Muslims — against each other after Bosnia split from what was then Yugoslavia.

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News in brief

WAR Four countries in the Sahara desert opened a joint military headquarters yesterday in an unusual, united effort to combat al-Qaida-

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Comment

Fantastic teachers never forgotten

Relating

Sofi Papamarko

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You never forget your favourite teacher. I've had some great ones over the years.

Mrs. Metcalfe encouraged my creativity and allowed us to put on our own insane fifth-grade version of *The Phantom Of The Opera*. My middle school teacher, Miss Wilkinson, encouraged lively political debate and wept openly while reading us *Sadako And The Thousand Paper Cranes*. Mr. Chow's dry sense of humour made the multiplication of fractions tolerable. And John Lazarus and I stayed in

email touch years after I took his playwriting course in university.

But it's my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Williams, who will be my forever-favourite.

Mrs. Williams was kind, patient, fair, calm and much loved. She read us stories, taught us to count to 100 on an abacus and never once raised her voice. I remember her gentle amusement whenever one of us

would slip up and call her "mom."

A few weeks ago, I was unexpectedly reunited with Mrs. Williams. She looked like a smaller and greyer version of her very same self. The rush of emotion I felt at seeing her again surprised me.

For my friend Neil Pasricha, blogger and author of the freshly launched feel-good tome *The Book Of Awesome*, it was his third

grade teacher who stood out above the rest.

"I was pretty much the shyest kid ever," Pasricha recalls.

Mrs. Dorsman encouraged Pasricha to read out loud to the class and had him solve math problems on the blackboard.

Having recently read an article on *The Book Of Awesome* in the *Toronto Star*, Stella Dorsman contacted the author to see if he was

the same Neil Pasricha she taught at Sunset Heights Public School. You can read their correspondence here: <http://1000awesome-things.com> (April 16 post).

Teaching is a difficult and often thankless job. If you've ever had a teacher who made a difference in your life, thank them. It will mean the world.

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Views

Learning the value of social networking

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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When the volcano with the unpronounceable name erupted in Iceland, I was co-coined in Oxford, England, attending the Skoll World Forum, an annual conference for social entrepreneurs.

I had no idea what a social entrepreneur was until

I was asked to speak about social networking and its impact on the Middle East. I learned that the inspiring men and women who had gathered at Oxford University applied entrepreneurial principles to solve social problems and help bring about change.

My contribution was to show how women in the Middle East used social networking sites to fight for their rights and to network, thereby building a virtual community, which translated into a community in the real world that offered support and solidarity.

And it was here in London where I became a "volcano refugee" who learned the value of social networking to my own life. Through Facebook I heard from friends all over the world, offering support to soothe the stress of not knowing when I could fly home again.

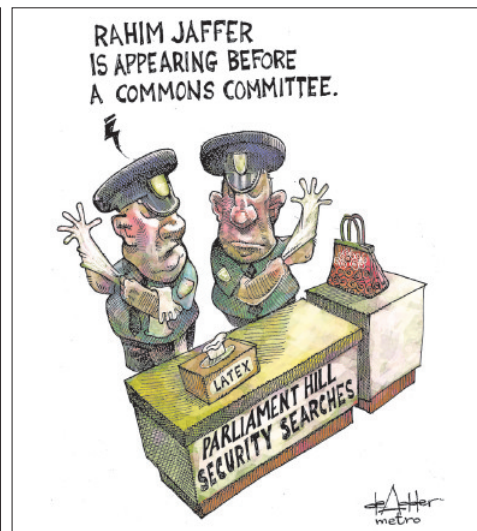
But this "volcano refugee" also remembered the value of old-fashioned networking, too, thanks to "real life" friends who took me in when my flight was cancelled.

Looking up and seeing no planes in the sky was a

stark reminder of just how prehistoric it is to be stranded because of a volcano. But being grounded was a chance, too, for some good old-fashioned rest and a sober reminder that if the uncertainty of being a "volcano refugee" was exhausting, then the trauma of being a refugee was almost impossible to assuage.

When we're forced to slow down, gratitude can come fast and easy.

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Group buyers saving big

Fiyaz Keshwani has always been one to barter and is never happy paying full price when shopping. So when he found out he could get movie tickets at almost half off by jumping through a few hoops, he figured it'd be worth a little hassle for a great deal.

The 27-year-old from Edmonton turned to the Internet, collected money from dozens of fellow movie fans

online and arranged to buy 1,500 tickets directly through Cineplex Odeon at wholesale prices.

Companies like Costco and Sam's Club have long been known for leveraging the power of bulk buying to get lower prices. Now, consumers are turning to the Internet to find better deals by buying in big numbers.

"It stems from movies being expensive and prices

have been going up quite a bit over the years," Keshwani said in explaining why he's organized eight separate movie ticket bulk purchases so far, which are often called "group buys."

"When I first started, the minimum requirement for tickets was only 300 and so that was in my opinion a very achievable goal, especially when I was taking out 20 to 50 myself. And then it

wasn't that hard to get rid of the rest of them. And it just expanded from there."

Keshwani admits organizing the mass purchase and mailing out all the tickets to buyers is "quite a bit of manual work" but he said it's worth it. He also receives donations from appreciative buyers who sometimes send him a few extra dollars for his efforts.

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'Be very careful' with 3-D TVs

TECHNOLOGY 3-D or not 3-D?

That's the question many TV lovers are asking now that the three-dimensional experience has come to the small screen.

But one manufacturer's warning may prompt parents and pregnant women to think twice about allowing space heroes and pirates to jump off the screen into their living rooms.

Samsung Electronics Canada, which recently introduced its 3-D TV in this country, admits the company has only now started to study the long-term effects of watching 3-D television using its "active" glasses which shutter on and off.

"Your left eye shutters 60 times per second and your right eye shutters 60 times per second (with the glasses)," marketing director Robert Gumiela said in an interview.

"We're not sure how you react to shuttering, but

we're issuing this warning: 'Be very careful. If you start to feel dizzy, stop watching.'"

Samsung issued a 3-D warning several weeks ago and Gumiela says it was done "to make sure we're doing our due diligence."

The advisory also urges parents to watch their children for light-headedness and involuntary movements like eye or muscle twitching.

Gumiela was asked why pregnant women, the elderly and people with serious medical conditions were also told to avoid 3-D.

"We don't have any concrete evidence yet, but the legal teams have just said, 'Let's cover all bases just in case,'" he said.

Samsung does not recommend watching 3-D "if you are in bad physical condition, need sleep or have been drinking alcohol."

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Business in brief

SALE Another piece of the Nortel Networks empire has been sold, with the Canadian company's interest in a Korean operation going to LM Ericsson

for US\$242 million. Nortel announced the sale of its 50-per-cent-plus-one share interest in LG-Nortel Co. Ltd., late Tuesday.

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Macau Gamblers welcome



Attendants welcome customers yesterday to the casino of Wynn Encore Macau, the newest resort built by Steve Wynn. The billionaire opened his latest hotel and casino in Macau yesterday and said he aims to start building a massive new resort in the Chinese gambling mecca next year.

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Gas company's Q1 profits improve

NATURAL GAS Encana

Corp.'s first quarter profit soared to US\$1.48 billion, three times higher than it was a year earlier, as the accounting impact of its hedging program more than offset lower market prices for natural gas.

Canada's largest natural gas company, which reports in U.S. dollars, said yesterday ahead of its shareholders meeting that the increased net income was due to \$912 million in unrealized gains from hedging.

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Flaherty rejects global bank tax

TAX There is no way Canada will co-operate with attempts to impose a global tax on banks, says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

In a speech to a Toronto financial audience yesterday, he lashed out at the international campaign to impose taxes and levies on banks to create a fund in case of future bailouts.

"We believe that Canadian taxpayers should not bear the costs of bailouts of financial institutions in other countries," Flaherty told the conference, a day before heading to Washington to make the same argument to his international colleagues.

The International Monetary Fund has just endorsed the idea, saying G20 countries should make all financial institutions pay into such funds, and should also considering a new tax on bank profits and pay.

But Flaherty said such taxes create an incentive for banks to behave recklessly, since they know they'll be bailed out if worst comes to worst.

"Let me make that even clearer," he said. "Canada will not go down the path of excessive, arbitrary or punitive regulation of its financial sector."

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Facebook Game changer?



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg delivers a keynote address yesterday at a conference in San Francisco. Facebook is spreading its wings to the broader web, a move that could change the way people experience the online world, though it could come with privacy implications. Zuckerberg says the new tools will allow users to see personalized versions of other websites they visit.

GM CEO says carmaker has repaid government loans

PAYMENT General Motors Co. has repaid the US\$8.1 billion in loans it got from the U.S. and Canadian governments, a move its CEO says is a sign automaker is on the road to recovery.

GM CEO Whitacre announced the loan paybacks — US\$8.4 billion including interest — yesterday at the company's Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, Kansas.

GM had made about \$2 billion in loan payments to the U.S. government and \$384 million to Canada in December and March and had

promised to repay the full loans by June. But company officials have said its cash flow, mainly from the sales of newer models, has been better than expected, allowing it to make the remaining \$5.8 billion in payments early — about \$1.1 billion to Export Development Canada and another \$4.7 billion to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Whitacre also announced that GM is investing \$257 million in the Kansas factory and the Detroit-Hamtramck plant.

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Could the U.S. love affair with foreign autos be cooling? An Associated Press-GfK Poll shows that more Americans now say U.S.-made automobiles are better than cars made by Asian countries. People give American autos an edge over their Asian competitors 38 per cent to 33 per cent. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

No sensible shoes in Washington boutiques

The U.S. capital — wellspring of the dark androgynous suit — is showing signs of a cutting-edge fashion leap where the kitten heel meets the pavement.

Jimmy Choo, move over: The independent boutiques are strutting in with hot, sassy footwear that truly seems revolutionary. It's all the more impressive because it's happening in

fashion-challenged Washington, D.C., not New York or Paris.

Stroll over to Hu's Shoes in Georgetown and take a gander at newcomer Raphael Young's apple-red patent and black stiletto heels. The four-centimetre platform and 11-centimetre heel scream red, the vamp is black and the upper part of the shoe is boot-like with laces thread-

ed through silver grommets. Price? \$1,195.

Designer Michael Lewis, also a newcomer, has a red, teal and black pair of knockout stilettos. The vamp is teal suede, while the heel and front part of the insole are candy red, topped by black patent with matching tassels and a gold buckle that has a jewelry finish. They shoes retail for \$825.

Prices, thanks in no small part to the euro-dollar exchange rate, have headed upward along with the height of heels and platforms.

"If it's something really special, people will spend," said Marlene Hu Aldaba, co-owner of the five-year-old shop with partner Eric Eden.

"Recession? What recession," asked a smiling Nan-

cy Pearlstein, who owns the independent Relish boutique a few blocks away. "It's been a good year. People are feeling good."

Pearlstein, whose great-grandfather established the Louis of Boston clothing store, said she did not buy enough inventory for the winter season because she was "not expecting it to be as good as it has

been."

In Pearlstein's trendy converted warehouse, her location since 2004, fashionistas can find motorcycle boots that propel style into fresh territory. Designed by Golden Goose, the boot is black leather, with a big faux ruby in front and the rest studded.

"Boots are all year round now," Pearlstein said.

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IMF predicts strong global rebound

ECONOMY The International Monetary Fund says the global economy, after enduring a crippling recession, should see better-than-expected growth this year, led by strength in China and other developing nations.

In an updated economic outlook, the IMF forecast that the world economy would expand 4.2 per cent this year, faster than its previous projection and a sharp improvement from 2009 when global output fell by 0.6 per cent, the worst performance since the Second World War.

However, the international lending agency warned that the recovery still remained vulnerable, with the biggest threat likely to come from a surge in government debt burdens.

"The outlook for activity remains unusually uncertain," the IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

B.C. ambulance changes go ahead

HEALTH The B.C. government is going ahead with plans to integrate its ambulance service more closely with the health-care system, despite objections from the paramedics' union.

Health Services Minister Kevin Falcon says legislative amendments tabled today will better tie the ambulance service to the health system, especially in rural and remote areas. Falcon says paramedics will be able to provide a wider range of emergency and non-emergency services without necessarily taking a patient to the hospital emergency room.

When the government announced the plan last month, the paramedics' union said the changes were punishment for a lengthy strike last year.

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EBay profits up by 11%

ONLINE EBay Inc. said Wednesday its first-quarter profit rose 11 per cent as consumers spent more on its main website, but a disappointing forecast for the current quarter pushed the company's shares down sharply in after-hours trading.

EBay said it earned US\$397.7 million, or 30 cents per share, in the first quarter, compared with \$357.1 million, or 28 cents per share, in the same period of 2009.

Excluding one-time items, the company earned 42 cents per share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected 41 cents.

Revenue climbed nine per cent to \$2.2 billion, matching analyst estimates.

That reflected an improvement in eBay's biggest segment, which includes eBay.com, Shopping.com and other e-commerce sites.

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U.S. \$100 bill to get high-tech makeover

CURRENCY The folks who print America's money have designed a high-tech makeover of the \$100 bill. It's part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters as technology becomes more sophisticated and more dollars flow overseas, Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke says.

The makeover, unveiled Wednesday by Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, may leave people wondering if there's magic involved.

Benjamin Franklin is still on the C-note. But he has been joined by a disappearing Liberty Bell in an inkwell and a bright blue security ribbon composed of thousands of tiny lenses that magnify objects in mysterious ways.

Move the bill, and the objects move in a different direction.

The new currency will not go into circulation until Feb. 10 of next year. That will give the government time to educate the public in the United States and around the world about the changes.

"We estimate that as many as two-thirds of all \$100 notes circulate outside the United States," said Bernanke, who stressed that the 6.5 billion in \$100 bills now in circulation will remain legal tender.

The \$100 bill, the highest value denomination in general circulation, is the last bill to undergo an extensive redesign.

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McDonald's sales up worldwide

PROFIT McDonald's Corp.'s first-quarter profit surged as it drew more diners seeking cheap meals with its new breakfast dollar menu and standbys like Chicken McNuggets.

The world's largest hamburger chain said yesterday that sales rose throughout the globe, especially Europe and Asia where more customers visited its restaurants.

The company's U.S. sales climbed as well, though more slowly.

McDonald's, based in Oak Brook, Ill., has generally managed to do better than most of its competitors in the recession. But even its long run of revenue growth came under pressure amid high unemployment, causing revenue to slip in 2009 for the first time in more than a quarter-century.



Worldwide sales at McDonald's restaurants open at least a year grew 4.2 per cent for the quarter, with Europe climbing 5.2 per cent and Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Africa up 5.7 per cent.

For the first quarter, McDonald's earned \$1.09 billion, or \$1 per share. Those results included a three-cents-per-share charge related to closing locations in Japan.

Yesterday's profit compares with earnings of \$979.5 million, or 87 cents

per share, in the same quarter last year.

In the U.S., customers snapped up McDonald's beverages such as frappes and coffee drinks from its McCafe line. Meanwhile, its new breakfast dollar menu also seemed to resonate with consumers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Kevin Prendergast is the first casualty of the Edmonton Oilers' terrible season. The team fired Prendergast, their assistant general manager and vice-president of hockey operations on Monday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports

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Creator of Twins logo dies

The St. Paul illustrator who created the enduring Minnesota Twins logo of two players shaking hands across a river has died of cancer at age 80. Ray Barton was paid \$15 in 1961 to create the image, never thinking it would become the team's official logo. It's displayed on the Twins' uniforms and pennants and was turned into a giant sign that looms over the outfield at the team's new ballpark.

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Boston Bruins right wing Miroslav Satan celebrates his game-winning goal with teammate Dennis Wideman last night.

Bruins take stranglehold

(Boston leads 3-1)

Sabres 2 Bruins 3 (2 OT)



Miroslav Satan scored on a power play at 7:41 of the second overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 3-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres last night and a 3-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The Bruins got the power play in the second extra period when Buffalo's Drew Stafford was caught on the ice as a sixth skater. Satan got a pass

from Michael Ryder in front of the net and put it past Ryan Miller.

Tuukka Rask made 35 saves for Boston and also assisted on Satan's goal. Ryan Miller stopped 36 shots for the Sabres.

Game 5 is Friday night in Buffalo.

Tim Kennedy and Steve Montador scored for Buffalo, which opened a 2-0 lead after two periods. David Krejci and Patrice Bergeron scored in the third period for Boston to send the game into overtime.

Both goalies made stunning saves to keep their teams in the game.

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Capitals push Canadiens to brink of elimination

(Washington leads 3-1)

Capitals 6 Canadiens 3



NHL Alex Ovechkin scored two goals and Semyon Varlamov made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals defeated the Montreal Canadiens 6-3 last night to put a chokehold on the first-round NHL playoff series.

The Capitals lead the best-of-seven Eastern Con-

ference quarter-final 3-1 and can wrap it up with a victory on home in Washington tomorrow night.

Mike Knuble also scored twice and Jason Chimera and Nicklas Backstrom each had one for Washington, although only four of the goals were on Carey Price, who replaced Jaroslav Halak as the Canadiens starter.

Knuble's second and Backstrom's goal were into empty nets between a late goal by Montreal's Dominic Moore.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Gabriel Agbonlahor and James Milner fired Aston Villa to a 2-0 victory at Hull yesterday to maintain its slim chance of capturing fourth place in the Premier League and push the home side closer to relegation. Aston Villa climbed one place to sixth in the standings, but is still three points behind fourth-place Tottenham, which has a game in hand.

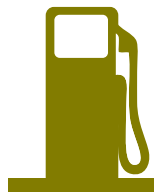
SOCCER Arjen Robben scored a second-half winner as Bayern Munich beat Lyon 1-0 in the first leg of a Champions League semifinal yesterday, a game in which both sides finished with 10 men.

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brian Tallet is

scheduled to undergo an MRI on his forearm today when the team hopes to identify an injury that landed the veteran starter on the disabled list amid a flurry of moves announced yesterday afternoon. Edwin Encarnacion was also placed on the 15-day disabled list with an arm injury. **NBA** Oklahoma City Thunder coach Scott Brooks was named the NBA's coach of the year after engineering the league's best turnaround. The Thunder won 27 more games this season than they did a year ago, going 50-32 and earning the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference playoffs with the NBA's youngest roster.

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NFL GMs plotting their picks

DRAFT Sam Bradford chucked footballs to Pop Warner players. Ndamukong Suh posed for dozens of cameras. Gerald McCoy surveyed the Central Park landscape.

While the top prospects enjoyed New York yesterday, general managers and personnel directors throughout the NFL pondered the most unique draft in years.

Not only is this year's crop stocked with players such as Nebraska defensive tackle Suh, Oklahoma quarterback Bradford and Sooners teammate McCoy, but the three-day setup is new. The draft kicks off tonight in prime time for the first time. The second and third rounds are Friday night, with the final four rounds Saturday.

Bradford, Suh and McCoy figure to go 1-2-3 overall. No wonder they were all smiles during a variety of league-staged events.

"It's fun and it's important," Suh said as he watched dozens of youth players scramble around a makeshift artificial turf field.

The real scramble begins at 5:30 today, and the All-American considered the best defensive tackle coming out of college in more than a decade has no clue where he will land.

"I have no idea what's going to happen," he said. "I haven't had anyone tell me that they want to draft me. There could be a lot of trades. There could be someone a team really wants."

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger practises earlier this week at the team's training facility in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger hit with suspension

NFL Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended for six games without pay yesterday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and ordered to undergo behavioural evaluation.

Commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Georgia nightclub in March.

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether he broke the law. "I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," he said in his letter to the two-time Super Bowl winner, a six-year veteran. "My decision today is not based on a finding that you violated Georgia law,

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Sitting out all six games will cost Ben Roethlisberger an estimated \$2.8 million US.

or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor. That said, you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Roethlisberger must undergo a "comprehensive behavioural evaluation by medical professionals" and may not attend any team off-season activities until that evaluation is completed.

The suspension could be reduced to four games for good behaviour.

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It was just 30 years ago that the first blue box became a part of life ~ by Ylva Van Buuren

In fact, 250 hand-assembled blue boxes were distributed in a Kitchener, Ontario neighbourhood with instructions to separate bottles, cans, and newspapers out of the garbage so the city could pick them up separately.

"It was a highly successful pilot project... and within 15 years, every household in the province had a blue box," explains Derek Stephenson, President, StewardEdge Inc., and the man who spearheaded the program. Of course, blue boxes are now part of the landscape across Canada, and this kind of recycling has extended throughout the United States (just the colour of the box is different) and into parts of Europe too. Our blue box program is just one example of how Canada has taken a leading role in environmental protection.

"It is crucial that environmental awareness become part of our value system—and that's what has happened," says Stephenson. "People want to do the right thing—and will participate when they believe they are."

Another great example of how change occurs is when Canadians made the link between everyday products such as hairspray and deodorant and the widening hole in the ozone layer. The movement to remove the offending chemicals, called CFCs, led to the

1989 Montreal Protocol, which banned CFCs and ultimately became one of the most widely-adopted protocols around the world!

Environmental awareness—and action—is now widespread, whether it involves purchasing a green product, taking public transportation, changing the type of light bulbs you use, or taking part in activities such as the Green Living Show (this weekend), Canadian Environment Week, and Clean Air Day (in June). Earlier this month, hundreds of millions of people across the globe—a record 126 countries and territories—turned their lights off for Earth Hour in support of the World Wildlife Fund-led initiative.

But challenges still remain and the biggest one is to lighten our environmental footprint across the board. "People need to reduce, reuse, recycle—and re-think," says Stephenson. "It's important to ask yourself: What is the impact of what I am doing, and can I do it with a smaller environmental footprint?"

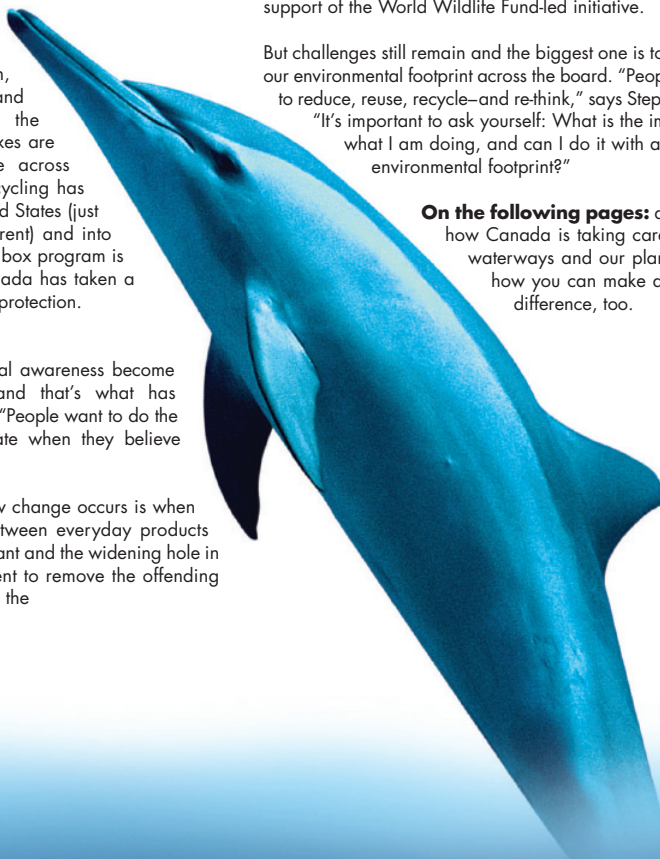
On the following pages: a look at how Canada is taking care of our waterways and our planet—and how you can make a bigger difference, too.

Every Little Bit Counts

If you were one of the more than 10 million adult Canadians who turned off the lights to mark Earth Hour this year, you helped to place this country, once again, at the top of the list for global participation. But organizers say the no-power hour accomplished much more than temporarily shrink the country's electricity load.

The idea, says Keith Stewart, director of the climate change program with World Wildlife Fund Canada, was to put the spotlight on how little changes can add up to make a big difference.

If every Canadian, for example, switched one regular light bulb for an energy-efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb, the World Wildlife Fund estimates it would be equal to taking 57,000 cars off the road. Also, if just nine families regularly walked their kids to school instead of driving them, they could prevent almost 1,000 kg of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.



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Programs aim to reclaim our fresh water ~ *by Alex Newman*

"Although it is important today to be aware of how much water you are using and possibly wasting (Canadians consume a whopping 4,400 litres of water per day per person), water quality is becoming a big issue too," says Mark Mattson, director of the non-profit watchdog organization, Waterkeepers. "In fact, water may be a bigger polluter than air," he says.

But when it comes to water, it's not all bad news. Provincial and federal governments have cranked up their efforts to help protect waterways, funding cities to rebuild water system infrastructures that have been neglected with the past several decades of growth, says Mattson.

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), a 15-year-old forum for collaborating on environmental issues, has devised a national action plan to increase municipal water use efficiency and to protect drinking water from source to tap.

To address potential water shortages, Agriculture Canada is looking at ways to capture water during spring snow melt for storage behind dams or in reservoirs to use for later irrigation. The ministry is also investigating use of lower-moisture crops and management practices for improving crop production.

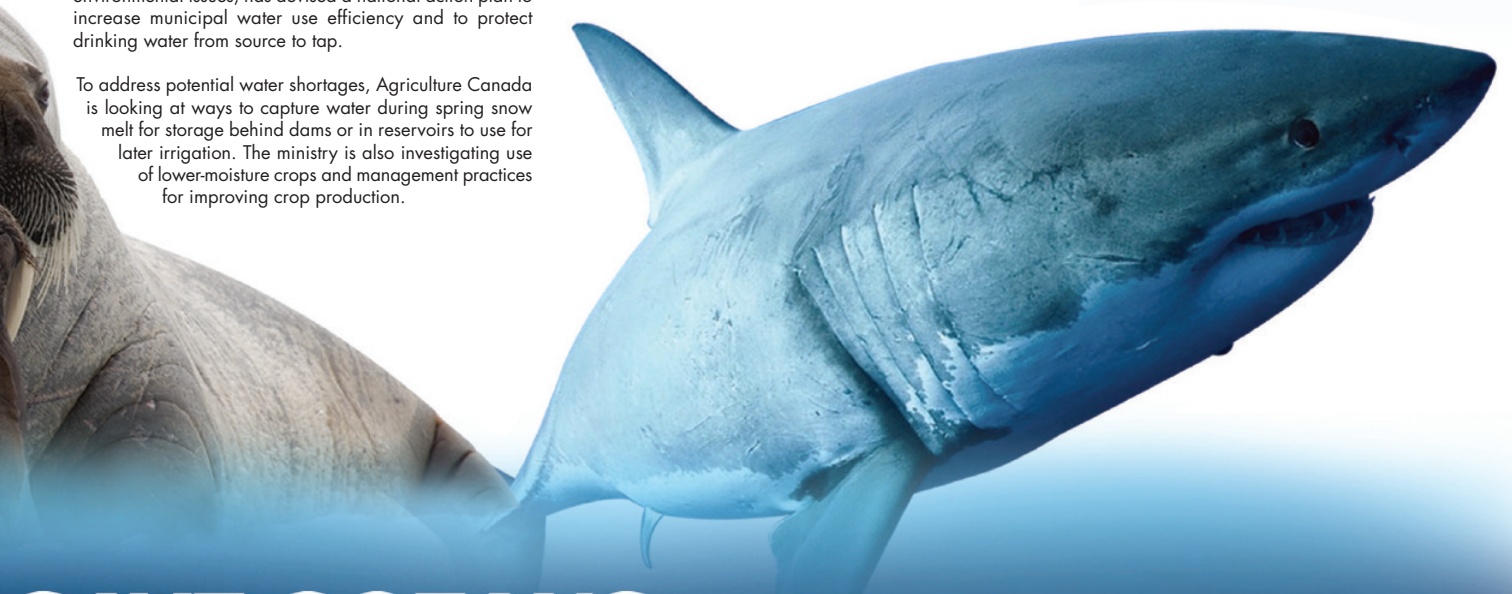
April also marks a major environmental success story in Canada. Mattson explains, "The opening of the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River in Moncton has launched the biggest fish restoration project in the world and will take the river off the endangered list!"

What you can do:

- Reduce water consumption: run full dishwasher loads, trade in your old toilet for a low flow model, buy a front load washer, collect rainwater for the garden
- Divert waste that can leach into the water table at garbage sites: properly dispose of wet food wastes (in compost), leftover medicines (return to your drugstore who will dispose of it safely), and chemicals such as leftover paint, varsol, etc. (bring to a drop off depot; check your municipality for the location)
- Check out waterkeepers.ca or, better yet, start your own local chapter
- Help clean up shorelines by volunteering for the Great Canadian Shore Cleanup (Sept 18-26, 2010) www.shorelinecleanup.ca

Steps That Add Up

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Pass on the plasma TV—it uses five times as much energy as other models
- Unplug electronics when not in use, or use a power bar
- Shower, don't bathe, and keep it short—switch to a low-flow shower head
- Cook with a microwave, electric frying pan, toaster oven or slow cooker rather than stovetop or oven
- Don't shop, swap—organize a book or clothing exchange with friends or make use of online sites such as Kijiji or Freecycle
- Place chairs next to windows for daytime reading
- Try carpooling and telecommuting at work
- Avoid plane travel if possible
- Use a laptop instead of a desktop
- Print on both sides of your paper
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Loblaw Offers Sustainable Choice

Local and sustainable sources are Loblaw's top priority ~ by Lori Dance



The world's oceans are facing an unprecedented crisis, with much of the world's fish stock either fully exploited or over-exploited. As well, the impact of carbon consumption is prompting consumers to look closer to home for their produce. Loblaw has taken these concepts to heart by setting goals that address the need for sustainability and environmental responsibility.

In 2009, Loblaw announced a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative, committing to source 100% of seafood sold in their stores from sustainable sources by the end of 2013; this covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild, and farmed seafood products in all categories—both private label and national brands.

To help them achieve their goal, Loblaw is partnering with WWF-Canada, the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), marine scientists, conservation experts, and fisheries. "This initiative is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive steps we have seen from a grocery retailer in Canada and, indeed, the world," says Gerald Butts, President and CEO of WWF-Canada (www.wwf.ca). "When fulfilled, the Loblaw initiative will go a long way to help conserve the well being of our oceans and marine life, setting an important example for other retailers to follow."

The Marine Stewardship Council (www.msc.org) is currently the only certification system that meets all of Loblaw's needs for wild-caught seafood, is global in scope, and is supported by leading international conservation organizations. Loblaw is committed to offering customers sustainable choices and continues to expand their line of Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)-certified products. They now offer 16 MSC-certified products in their stores, the most of any Canadian retailer. As well, as certain species are found to be at risk, Loblaw will temporarily suspend sales in their stores until a sustainable source is found.



University of Guelph Partnership

Loblaw's sustainability efforts don't just end on the shoreline, however. A \$3-million gift in April has enabled the University of Guelph (www.uoguelph.ca) to create the Loblaw Companies Limited Chair in Sustainable Food Production, the centre of the University's research focus on creating robust food production systems through education, research, practice, and outreach. "Working together, we can address the very issues that are at the root of today's global pressures around food sustainability," explains Galen G. Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw Companies Limited. "Through this initiative, we believe we can help to increase Canada's capacity to produce food sustainably, train tomorrow's industry leaders, contribute to policy development, meet consumers' needs, and nurture our environment. It represents the defining strategy for Loblaw over the next two decades."

Grown Close to Home™ program

To address the demand for locally grown produce, Loblaw supports local Canadian farmers and economies to bring Canadians exceptional flavours of produce picked at its peak. They partner with more than 400 growers across Canada. Over the past two years, the Grown Close to Home™ program has increased produce sales by more than 16% during the local harvest period.

Reducing the Carbon Footprint

Loblaw's commitment to waste and emissions reduction

It may surprise you to know that the grocery industry deals with the issue of waste on a daily basis in the form of wood pallets, plastic and cardboard packaging, glass bottles and cans, plastic shopping bags, and food that goes bad and runs short of its code life. As well, the amount of fuel necessary to transport goods through the supply chain has a significant impact on a supermarket's carbon footprint.

Since 2007, Loblaw has been working towards diverting 70% of their generated waste away from landfill, a goal that has already been achieved in their Atlantic corporate stores. Their approach is to focus on the areas where we can make the biggest impact: reduce, reuse and recycle where we can; use our own brands to innovate and drive change; and collaborate with municipalities, private industry and other key stakeholders to build infrastructure and markets.

In 2009, Loblaw introduced new initiatives to reduce their carbon production from the transportation of goods through their supply chain. Bunk heaters in tractor cabs keep drivers warm in the cold winter months, lowering fuel consumption from 4.0 litres per hour (when a tractor idles) to 0.2 litres per hour. Multi-axle trailers for their primary freight routes in Ontario and Quebec enable trucks to pull more weight using the same power source. In 2009, they recapped 80% of their tires instead of replacing them (production of a new tire uses approximately 83 litres of oil, while the recapping process uses only 26 litres). And finally, they reduced the maximum speed limit for their fleet to increase fuel efficiency, reduce wear and tear on equipment, and mitigate the risk of accidents.



To address the issue of food spoilage, Loblaw established partnerships with two companies in developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source. As well, they have well-established processes for reclaiming unsaleable products and sending them to food banks whenever possible.

In 2009, Loblaw enlisted the help of their customers in reducing waste by no longer providing complimentary plastic shopping bags at checkout. In 2009 alone, these actions led to a 55% reduction in the use of plastic bags coming from their stores.

Minimizing the carbon footprint of the grocery industry is an incredibly daunting task. The challenges supermarkets face in mitigating their waste and fuel expenditure are often too easy to overlook and simply ignore in favour of maximizing their own bottom line. It's good to see a company such as Loblaw take steps to reduce its environmental impact.

Saving Energy in Loblaw's Supermarkets

Approximately 73% of Loblaw's carbon footprint is the result of the energy used in stores, distribution centres, and offices. Some of the energy efficiency improvements made at new and existing stores include:

- Replacing open freezers with closed-door units that reduce the amount of air that escapes
- Adding pull-down curtains to refrigerated cases
- Upgrading lighting systems to include motion-activated LED lighting in freezer cases and in low traffic areas of the store

- Installing automatic energy management systems which reduce lighting and energy use during hours of non-operation and ensure that mechanical, electrical, and refrigeration systems operate at maximum efficiency

Award Nominees Pave the Environmental Way

Environmental awards are a great way to learn how to make changes that make a difference ~ *Gilda Swartz*

The 2010 Green Toronto Awards, for example, recognize individuals, organizations and companies that are leading the way to a cleaner, greener and more livable city. Nine winners will be announced at the Green Living Show in Toronto on April 23. Here is a close-up look at three of the 27 nominees – what makes them special and how you can follow their lead. For more information, visit www.greenlivingonline.com

Turn nature into your playground

Most of us don't have easy access to fields and forests. That's why Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds (BNP) creates play areas that include fallen logs, hills, boulders and native plants. Bienenstock playgrounds, which meet all safety standards, are in parks, at childcare centres, YMCAs and other public spaces across Canada.

What you can do:

Take a hike – or bike – on your nearest nature trail. Include a nature guidebook and check out trees, insects and wildlife. Keep a list of what you see along the way.

Make your community more livable

With the help of 10,000 volunteers Evergreen, a national charity, has planted more than 50,000 trees and shrubs in Vancouver, Toronto and other urban centres, helped 140 youth turn 18 barren plots into wildflower gardens, and is transforming Toronto's once-deserted Don Valley Brick Works into an environmental centre. Evergreen offers grants, resources and workshops to people who want to green their communities.

What you can do:

Volunteer at a community garden or a tree-planting event. Support local food producers by buying their fruits, vegetables, wines and cheeses. Donate money to environmental programs.

Conserve and win

Wilmar Court is a seniors' housing project with young ideas about sustainable living. The 72-unit apartment in Scarborough, Ont., installed solar panels to pre-heat its hot water. Organic mulch enriches the grounds, and low-energy bulbs light the building.

What you can do:

At home, use biodegradable soaps and cleaners, buy compact fluorescent bulbs, use rain barrels to collect rainwater run-off, choose low VOC paints, mulch your garden naturally and install energy-efficient toilets.

Other Green Awards

- Earth Day Canada recognizes the importance of personal environmental achievement with their Hometown Heroes Awards
- The Royal Canadian Geographical Society and 3M Canada has a Canadian Award for Environmental Innovation to celebrate individuals involved in a project that protects, restores, or preserves the environment



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Taking a Greener Initiative

Toshiba Canada practices what they preach ~ by Lori Dance

We've all read about how companies are rolling out new product lines that use less energy and are better for the environment. But how far are they willing to go to prove their commitment to the environment when nobody else is looking?

"Toshiba has a 20-year history of environmental commitment and takes a long-term approach to helping better the environment by setting goals well into the future—such as the Toshiba Group's global Environmental Vision 2050," says Ralph Hyatt, President and CEO of Toshiba of Canada. "Based on the Kyoto Protocol, this program promises to improve our eco-efficiency by a factor of ten over the year 2000 through strict monitoring of our energy usage, manufacturing process improvements, and eco-conscious product development that will help make a difference today and for future generations."

The Toshiba Environmental Vision 2050 program seeks to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by the equivalent of 117.7 million tons per year by 2025 and raise overall eco-efficiency tenfold by 2050 (compared to 2000). Just two years ago, 51% of Toshiba sites worldwide achieved zero emissions of waste, and 89% of Toshiba products did not contain any of a list of 15 harmful substances, including PCBs, Ozone-depleting substances, Cadmium, Lead, and

Mercury. And two years from now, Toshiba has set a target to achieve zero emissions of waste at all Toshiba sites worldwide, and 100% of Toshiba products will be free from 15 harmful substances.

Potential suppliers take a stringent, 22-point environmental performance survey, and priority is then assigned to companies with the highest survey scores. This not only results in greener products, but it also gives suppliers the incentives and resources needed to improve their environmental practices.

Their commitment to the environment doesn't just end at the manufacturing stage, however. At their Markham head office, employees receive a reusable mug when they begin their employment, and china and biodegradable containers have replaced Styrofoam in their cafeterias. Electronics and lights are turned off when not in use, programmable thermostats have been installed throughout the building, and employees are urged to exercise responsible printing practices (when printing is necessary, double-sided is the way to go). Their current average

percentage of waste that goes to the landfill is 12.4%—by the end of this year, they hope to meet the Toshiba corporate global objective.

Toshiba's sponsorships also demonstrate their sense of environmental responsibility. In the past, Toshiba of Canada has partnered with Scouts Canada to provide a "Leave No Trace" environmental education program for leaders and youth and, this year, Toshiba is sponsoring the Hugh Garner Housing Co-Operative Green Roof program, providing over 70 trees and shrubs for what will be the largest residential green roof in Ontario. Toshiba employees have also organized a park clean up at Milne Park and have planted trees as part of the "Trees for Tomorrow" program in Markham.

So what does the future hold for Toshiba's commitment to the environment? Well, it appears as though they've set the bar pretty high for themselves, both internally and in their public practices. It will be interesting to see how they manage to reach these lofty goals and make new ones in the years to come.



Lowering Your Energy Bill

Electronics go environmental in this year's Toshiba lineup

It's April 22 again, and you're likely hearing the same old green tips: Use compact fluorescent bulbs. Turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth. Turn on only what you're using. But did you know that upgrading your electronics is one way you can help save the environment? We took a look at a couple of products from Toshiba's lineup to see how we can justify the purchase of some shiny new toys...

If you're in the market for a new television, you're in luck. All REGZA TVs from 2009 onward have earned the ENERGY STAR label which, in 2010, raised its requirements from the previous ENERGY STAR 3.0 to 4.0 to limit power consumption in On and Standby modes—simply put, they use less energy, which saves both money and environmental impact.

In fact, Toshiba's current REGZA lineup of 2010 LED backlit TVs use 30–42% less energy than the previous LCD series that used CCFL (Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamps) for backlighting. As well, if you're looking to make the leap to a brand-new slimmer and lighter LED TV, you can justify your purchase with the fact that TVs with LED backlighting are mercury free, emit less heat, and are more energy efficient than their predecessors—and all current REGZA TVs contain recycled plastics from old TVs!

If it's a notebook you're after, it may interest you that Toshiba Consumer and Commercial notebooks from 2010 onwards are EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental

Assessment Tool) Gold and Energy Star 5.0 certified, which means that they contain reduced levels of cadmium, lead, and mercury—and they're more energy efficient and easier to upgrade and recycle.

The Portégé R600 notebook from Toshiba has an LED backlit display, the latest CPUs, and the use of a solid state drive, which translates into low energy consumption and a longer battery life. As well, the factory in which the Portégé series is manufactured recovers and recycles waste generated during the manufacturing process.

So whether you're looking for a sleek new TV that's easier on the eyes (and your energy bill) or you'd like to pick up a notebook that goes longer between charges, it looks like Toshiba's lineup this year has what you're after. And it's better for the environment. So go ahead and spoil yourself.



Recycle Your Electronics for Free

The TERRE program does the legwork for you

When non-functioning electronics are simply thrown out, they are sent to landfills where toxic elements can seep into our ecosystem and can pose a significant risk to our health and the environment. But did you know that there's a program in Canada that allows you to recycle your old products with just a few keystrokes?

Toshiba's Environmental Recovery and Recycling Effort (TERRE) is a program that will pick up your non-functioning notebook computer, projector, LCD monitor, or Pocket PC (regardless of manufacturer) and ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally respectful manner—at no cost to you.

The components of your electronics are separated to maximize their usefulness in their next application: Plastics are recycled into useful materials such as building foundation pads, agricultural containers, and plastic lumber; circuit boards are smelted; and metal portions are reprocessed into basic commodities such as copper, aluminum, and steel.

On a global level, Toshiba is targeting the collection and recycling of 146 million pounds (73,000 tons) of e-waste in 2010. For those products that can't be reused or recycled, Toshiba will facilitate safe and proper disposal.

Simply visit www.toshiba.ca/terre for more information and instructions on how to recycle your electronics easily and responsibly.



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Waste is a concern for Loblaws and for our industry. We have more than one thousand stores that generate waste in many forms, including, up until recently, millions of plastic shopping bags, most of which wound up in landfill. In 2007, we pledged to divert one billion plastic bags from landfill by the end of 2009. But that's not all we are doing. The company

launched a comprehensive store-level waste diversion program with a goal of diverting 70% of waste from landfill.

A responsible approach to business is part of what we do everyday. We care about the impact of our operations and believe that Loblaws can make a difference in ways that are good for the environment and good for business.

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by finding effective ways to divert waste from landfills. We aim to inspire and help our customers, suppliers and others to do the same.

Here are some of the targets we have been focusing on and our achievements.

GALEN G. WESTON
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

waste diversion

Since 2007, we have been working towards our goal of diverting at least 70% of waste from our stores and distribution centres nationally from landfill.

1.3 billion
plastic bags diverted from landfill

Thanks to the tremendous response of our customers, who shared our concern for protecting the environment, we achieved our goal of diverting more than one billion plastic bags from landfill.

organic waste used to produce energy

In 2009, we established partnerships with two companies developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source

energy from the sun

In 2009, we participated in the Ontario rooftop photovoltaic (PV) project following the provincial government introduction of the feed-in tariff (FIT) program to encourage green energy initiatives. The program offers stable prices under long-term contracts for energy generated from renewable sources, such as bio-energy, solar PV and wind.

In 2010, we will execute four rooftop photovoltaic projects in Ontario.

grown close to home™

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sustainable sourcing

In 2009, we launched a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative; committing to source 100% of seafood from sustainable sources by year end 2013. This commitment covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild and farmed seafood products, in all categories, private label and national brands.

To help us live up to our commitment, we are partnering with WWF-Canada, MSC, marine scientists, conservation experts and fisheries.

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Today, Metro Homes focuses on first-time home buying. So, if you are looking to buy a home, or just thinking about it, this is the issue for you.

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City a 'promised land' for homes

High employment rate makes Edmonton one of the best place in Canada to buy property

YONATHAN SUMAMO
for Metro Canada

Thinking of buying your first house this spring? Well now may be just the right time.

According to Mark Meincke, a real estate agent with RE/MAX, the interest rates for home purchases are expected to go up in the near future, which may mean now will be the best chance to purchase a house at the lowest cost.

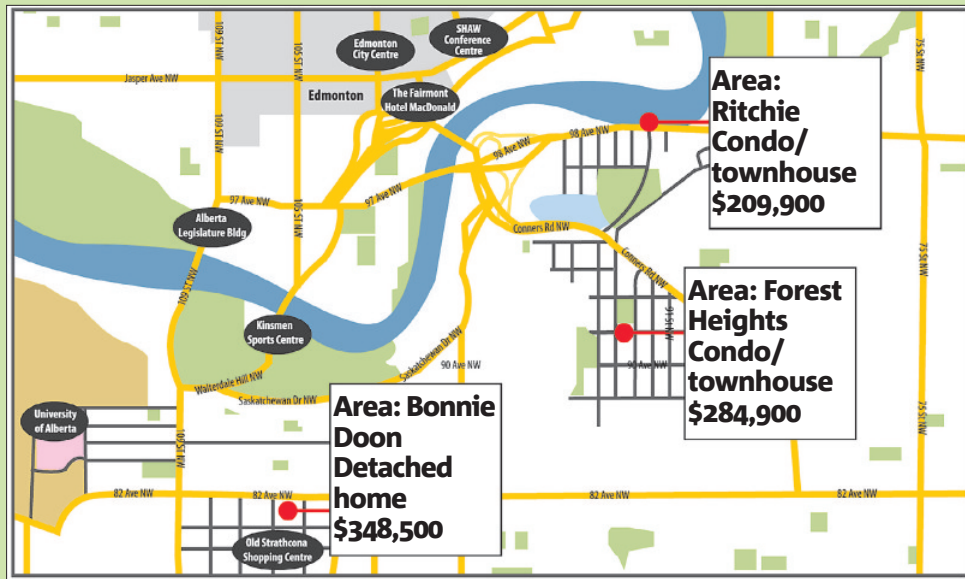
"The demand is high, the inventory is low, but the market hasn't responded with the prices yet," Meincke said.

"With the interest rates, the prices are poised to go up for housing."

The Toronto Dominion Bank and RE/MAX expect an approximate 10 per cent increase in pricing for the housing market, so purchasing your first home now could save you tens of thousands, he explained.

But why stay in Edmonton?

Well for Meincke, it's actually quite simple. He called Edmonton the "promised land of real estate."



"As far as Canadian investment, for things like our employment rate, it's all better here than it is nationally," he said.

Yet Edmonton is a large city, and growing by the year. There are dozens upon dozens of neighbourhoods for first time buyers to look at.

But Meincke lists off five

areas that should grab all first time buyers' attention for a simple reason: the opportunity to rent.

The benefit to renting out a basement suite in your first home allows for a major portion of the mortgage or interest to be taken care of every month.

Many of these renters would be post-secondary

students. That makes areas like Ritchie, Holyrood, Bonnie Doon, Forest Heights and Strathearn great spots since they have easy access and are central to both downtown and the University of Alberta campus.

Buyers looking for a detached home should expect to spend about a min-

imum of \$290,000 to \$360,000 and over for higher-end home.

Building a suite and renovations could cost in the upwards of \$35,000 to \$45,000.

Townhouses and condos are popular in the Forest Heights area, but can be quite expensive. One smaller townhouse was

listed at \$234,000, while another, more luxurious ones could run nearly \$355,000.

There were also many listings for detached homes near Forest Heights Park. A house right by the park could cost around \$300,000 to \$380,000.

Many townhouses and condos are also listed in the area of Ritchie, which is right next to Whyte Avenue and walking distance to the University of Alberta Campus. While you are most likely unable to rent out space, it can cost quite a bit for its great location. Listings in the area range from \$199,000 to approximately \$283,000.

Buying your first home can come off as a daunting task, but the only way to get started is to jump into the market.

"Get locked in today for your rates. There is no obligation when you lock in to your rates with pre-approval," Meincke added. "And never do it through the bank. Always use a mobile specialist or a mortgage broker, because the bank won't tell you what you need to here and they won't give you the best rates."

For those still on the fence, get off and buy now

HomeBuilding

Sandra Young



Whether it's upgrading to your dream home, downsizing to a condo or looking for your very first property, buying a new home is a big step for anyone. The past year's economic uncertainty has left many potential buyers wondering, "Is now a good time to buy?" or "should I

wait to see what more surprises the market has in store?"

The answer to that is clear. Right now is not only a good time to buy a new home, it's a great time. Market conditions over the past few months have culminated into what many Edmonton area homebuilders are calling "the perfect storm."

Today's housing market offers exceptional value and affordability. The combination of highly competitive new home prices and historically low mortgage rates means significantly lower monthly mortgage costs. The cost of borrowing money for a home purchase is the lowest it's been in decades. Mortgage

interest rates have fallen by more than 25 per cent over the last two years.

From condo apartments and townhouses to single-family homes — suburban communities to urban infill — Edmonton builders are offering a wide selection of homes in every style and price range. New home buyers are downright spoiled with options. But unlike all great things, this perfect storm will not last forever.

Builders all across the country are reporting higher traffic volume than this time last year at their new home sales sites — particularly among the first-time homebuyer crowd. In Alberta, inventory of started but unsold

single-detached homes is trending downward, proving that for local home builders, the market is recovering.

You don't have to tell an Albertan what all this means for new home prices. As housing markets come into balance and economic conditions begin to improve, the cost of homeownership will rise.

In fact, a recent Canadian Home Builders' Association survey of new home builders and renovators showed that 64 per cent of respondents expect to see the price of a new single-detached home increase over the next year. Rising interest rates are expected to factor into purchasing decisions.

That said, potential home buyers can rest comfortably knowing that the exceptional price increases of a few years back remain, for the time being, a thing of the past. All in all, local home builders expect housing starts to remain low — in comparison — throughout 2010.

A return to a more balanced market is what most local homebuilders predict to see in 2010. Those once-in-a-lifetime new home bargains are still out there, but the perfect storm is dying down.

If you're in the market for a newly built home, don't get stuck sitting on the fence. Get out there and take advantage of the exceptional deals being of-

fered right now by local new home builders in your area.

Right now really is the best time to buy that new home.

Visit the Canadian Home Builders' Association — Edmonton Region website chbaedmonton.ca for expert tips on what to look for when building, buying, selling or renovating your home. Search the site's "Find a Member" section to pin-point the CHBA-ER member company that's right for you.

So right now may be the right time for you to buy a new home.

Sandra Young is president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association — Edmonton Region. Visit it at chbaedmonton.ca

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Plenty of ways to use your balconies

For many of us, our balcony is the only outdoor space we have. Decoration, plants and furni-

ture can all help to create a seasonal room and expand the inside space that we have lived with all winter.

Here's a rundown of great new products that will help to create a useful and attractive place to take sun or serve an alfresco dinner:

FURNITURE: The reality is that most balconies do not allow for regular sized outdoor lounge furniture.

I suggest buying a chair and ottoman so that you can achieve the lounge effect when they are placed together, and when separates, can act as seating for two.

Keep tables long and narrow in shape and dining chairs foldable so that they do not overcrowd the space.

One of the season's hottest small-space outdoor furniture pieces is the Aisha three-piece dinette set from Home Outfitters (\$299).

It magically melts into itself when not in use.

DESIGNER IDEA: Choose the colour of the furniture's framing to match the balcony. If it is concrete then use pale aluminum or chrome furniture so that it blends in the environment.

COOKING OUTSIDE: It's best to check with your condo board or local municipality to find out what is suitable for the type of outdoor space you have.

Many buildings ban gas grills that are not hard-wired from the balcony. In that case I suggest an electric grill.

Check out Dimplex for a good-looking, efficient plug-in electric grill that



The Aisha three-piece dinette set from Home Outfitters (\$299) is a great way to maximize the small space of a balcony.

allows you to do some cooking outside (dimplex.com)

DESIGNER IDEA: A portable electrical grill means you can hide it away in your locker during the winter months so you won't have to look at it.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: If you have an outside electrical outlet on your balcony then you are in luck!

Outdoor lights can add complete romance to an outside space no matter how small.

You can also consider an outdoor fountain which will help to drown out unwanted city noises.

DESIGNER IDEA: Use up lighting in the corners of the balcony; using them under plants will create dramatic shadows at night.

PLANTS: I am not an avid green thumb and tend to prefer a more structured landscape.

Consider artificial outdoor shrubs for a balcony — they are made to stay out year round and the good ones will never fade or wither away.

Check out Home Depot for some of the best in the city.

DESIGNER IDEA: Hang your planter boxes inside your balcony, not facing out. You will enjoy your plants and flowers more from the inside of the condo. Also, your everlasting shrubs will look fantastic filled with mini lights during the holiday season.

FLOORING: Laying cedar

stripped flooring or putting outdoor carpeting down can be a great way to all warmth and colour to your outdoor space.

Remember that your balcony is common space to the outside of the building, so decorate it so it also reflects the taste of the building's exterior.

Look for outdoor floor tiles made of a synthetic decking product.

It will be very durable and stay out year round.

DESIGNER NOTE: Never paint a raw concrete floor before asking permission of your landlord or condo directors.

Sealing concrete can actually do damage to the concrete as it stops it from breathing to release dampness.

LAST WORDS ON BALCONY ETIQUETTE: Shut down the party noise on your patio at a reasonable hour (10 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on weekends).

Remember that your balcony is common space to the outside of the building, so decorate it so it also reflects the taste of the building's exterior.

Use a proper container to dispose of cigarette butts if you have smokers that use your balcony.

Using your balcony as a storage shed is often illegal and will cheapen the look of the building.

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If you're thinking about taking the plunge into home ownership, know this: it's probably going to cost more than you think.

There are a number of costs associated with home-ownership that many first-time buyers tend to overlook. It's more than just trading in rent for mortgage payments.

In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage instalments; transfer taxes, carrying costs, closing costs, property taxes, utilities, lawyers, realtors and other miscellaneous expenses must all be accounted for.

It's easy to see how the cost of purchasing a home is more than the price tag.

Toronto-based realtor Melanie Piche says she even tells clients to set aside a "maintenance fund" to factor into their monthly mortgage payments.

Before jumping in to the market, it's a good idea to sit down with a professional. They can offer valuable insight about affording and operating a home.

"When I was buying my first property," recalls realtor Brendan Powell, and realty brokerage partner with Piche. "I wish I had someone to walk me through it more."

According to both Powell and Piche, it's still a

Mortgage brokers in demand

•The same things that are squeezing first-time homebuyers these days are creating a boom for mortgage brokers. Jim Murphy, president of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals, says brokers are in demand from first-time homebuyers because of climbing interest rates and new rules that crack down on who qualifies for a mortgage. The new rules took effect April 19 and require buyers to qualify for a standard five-year, fixed-rate interest rate even if they plan to choose a lower-rate variable mortgage. Meanwhile, interest rates are

heading up, pushing young, first-time buyers to turn towards mortgage brokers, rather than going to their bank. A C-M-H-C mortgage survey released last year found about 25 per cent of all mortgages in the previous year were conducted through brokers, but among purchasers aged 25 to 34, the broker share was 42 per cent. Vancouver mortgage specialist Patrick Mulhern says the younger generation is different than their parents, and don't have the same sort of loyalty to financial institutions like banks.

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great climate for first time buyers. They say in the past few months, this group has been responsible for about 50 per cent of their sales.

"First time buyers can save a lot of money that others simply can't," he says.

With government incentives like the Home Buyer's Plan, First Time Homebuyers Tax Credit and Land Transfer tax refunds — plus the fact they don't have to worry about selling a home — people wanting to get their feet wet in real estate have an advantage over their counterparts who already own.

But just because the conditions are attractive, Powell and Piche says there are plenty of issues new buyers haven't considered. Plus, purchasing

a home can be pretty intimidating. That's where realtors like them can help.

"People have a lot of good questions they're embarrassed to ask," explains Piche. "But our job is to provide the information they need to know."

Title insurance, says Powell, is something condo buyers don't generally consider. After all, many building owners have taken out insurance on the building. However, explains Powell, that coverage does nothing to protect the private spaces between the hallways and the windows. It's up to the unit owner to insure the contents of the living space — and not just the jewellery and plasma screen. Everything in it — including appliances — should be covered.

Getting in hot water troubles

LegalMatters

Jeffrey D. Cowan



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Q I sold my home over a year ago and have just recently discovered that the hot water heater that I was renting was never transferred to the purchasers and that I have been having the monthly charge taken out of my bank account. When I approached the rental company, they indicated that I should have had the contract assumed by the purchaser. I then contacted my lawyer who contacted the

purchasers' lawyer. The response back was that the purchasers were not willing to sign the assumption agreement. I think that my lawyer should have been aware of this but regardless, I am still stuck paying for a water heater that I haven't had the benefit of for over a year. What should I do?

A The first point I would like to make is that how is your lawyer supposed to know that you have a rental agreement for your water heater if you don't make them aware of this before closing. As a matter of course, we deal with the assumption of water heater contracts on closing of a transaction if our clients make us aware of this. Otherwise,

we assume you own the equipment and this ownership transfers with the house. Generally, there is a clause in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale where your realtor will insert any items that are rental and in most cases the hot water heater is assumed.

The reality is that the purchasers have had the benefit of the hot water rental tank for over a year and should be forthcoming with payment. However, people do not always 'play fair' and you may have to proceed to a more formal forum such as Small Claims Court to have this matter addressed.

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Secondary Suites Grant Program



Secondary suites offer an innovative, cost-effective way to increase the amount of affordable housing and the number of housing options in Strathcona County.

As part of the Strathcona County Affordable Housing Plan, qualified residents can now receive a grant of \$15,000 maximum to create a new secondary suite, or \$10,000 for renovations to an existing suite. Grant applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the program, including eligibility criteria and the application process, please call 780-416-6701 or visit www.strathcona.ca.

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Setting up a home can be hard

Prioritizing the tasks will help ease reduce the overwhelming list ahead of you

HomeScape



Sylvia Putz

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If you've just bought your first home, I bet you're learning that the process of setting up a home can be exciting, but also a little overwhelming.

But don't fret. Focus on looking after a few important logistical details first,

and then you can enjoy deciding on decor and furniture and all the other delightful stuff.

Before you move in:

- Change or re-key your locks.
- Complete a change-of-address at the post office.

• Transfer or set up new utilities.

• Purchase home insurance.

• Set up automatic mortgage payments with your lending institution if you haven't done so already.

• Ensure you have win-

dow coverings in bathrooms and bedrooms at the very least, even if they are temporary.

In those first few weeks:

• Locate the main circuit breaker in the house and label each breaker.

• Locate and know how to operate the main and other water shutoffs in your house.

• Find out how to look after your furnace and any other appliances that need regular servicing.

• Make sure you have working smoke detectors.

• You should have easily accessible fire extinguishers on each floor of the home, preferably hung on the wall near the entrance to the kitchen and near the entrance to the garage.

• Set up an annual schedule of important servicing or maintenance duties at your new home, so they are not overlooked in the years to come.

• Also have an emergency exit plan in place and make sure all family members know exit plans.

• Purchase and install a carbon monoxide detector if you don't have one.

• Write down and keep important emergency numbers close to the phone.

• Put together a first aid kit for your new home.

• Find out which day of the week is garbage/recycling/compost pickup day. Also find out the rules in your area, and make sure you buy raccoon-proofing straps if you store your garbage outdoors.

• Cut plenty of extra keys for yourself, and your family. Give one or

two to trusted friends, relatives or neighbours in case you or family members forget or lose a key.

• Check out the neighbourhood and find the nearest grocery store, drugstore, walk-in medical clinic, gas station, hardware store, post office, beer and liquor store, good restaurants, fast food, parks and recreational amenities, and so on.

• Introduce yourself to your new neighbours.

Things you may need sooner or later:

• Assemble or purchase a few basic tools, like hammers, assorted screw drivers and wrenches, a hacksaw, a small drill and drill bits and a tape measure. A stepladder and an outdoor ladder are handy. You may also want to buy assorted nails and screws, sandpaper, paper yard waste bags, plastic garbage bags and any other house repair items you think you may need regularly.

• If you've got a lawn or garden, you may also want to purchase a few gardening tools, such as assorted shovels, including a pointed-tip shovel suitable for digging, a rake, a hoe, trowels, a water hose and watering can, gardening or outdoor workgloves, a lawnmower, and an outdoor broom for sweeping off steps and porches. Depending on how much gardening you do, a wheelbarrow can be handy as well. A snow shovel and ice melter or salt will also be a necessity.

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Time to decorate

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Decorating your first home can be a daunting task. Especially with little left in the bank after this massive purchase.

Yet like an artist with a blank canvas before him, that new set of house keys gives you the freedom to make your new home your own, your very own palette to reflect your personality.

High design on a budget does not have to mean low quality. There are many stylish pieces to be had that will not stress the bank account — and subsequently a new marital relationship.

"What I have found with first-time homebuyers is they are looking for good value and good quality, without having to settle for the standard catalogue piece," said Leslie Tokayer, broker at Royal LePage Partners Realty.

"They're more savvy about where they spend their money and how they

Homes in Style

spend it, since they just spent a lot on their first home. They want to purchase pieces that can grow with them."

Gone are the days of student living, with stained carpets, movie posters and old-fashioned furniture hand-me-downs.

"First-time homebuyers are no longer decorating with futons, or things you can put together with an Allen key," said

Tokayer, who works predominantly with first-time homebuyers. "They are no longer using their parents' old sofa. They are looking for modern and stylized pieces, art, unique

pieces that will express their personality, that are functional and practical."

She says many of her clients this season are choosing dark hardwood on main floors, Berber carpeting upstairs, sectional sofas with chaise lounges and sunweave roller blinds — a contemporary theme with clean lines, compact minimalist pieces, and neutrals with an urban flair.



Homebuyers can check out their happy reflections in the **Round, Encircled Mirror** with pieces of natural horn. West Elm, \$79, westelm.com.

A classic style, yet modern with clean geometric lines make up the new spring Whisky Collection, made from 100 per cent eco-friendly birch veneer strips in rich tones of browns, reds and caramels in a matte finish. Pictured are the **Whisky Queen Bed** (\$1,249), Urban Barn, urbanbarn.ca.



The **George Eclipse** is a simple and conservative first 12-piece dining set. Walmart, \$39.97, walmart.ca.

The **Taupe Iron Cage or Traditional** 60-inch floor lamps in espresso finish add an inexpensive shine to a room and a stylish hue with its ivory bell shade. Walmart, \$34.98, walmart.ca.



Bar stools, while traditionally used at high countertops, can be used as additional seating easily moved between rooms. The **Bamba Stool** is 100 per cent eco-friendly for the eco-conscious new home buyer. Available in counter or bar height in espresso or caramel finishes. Urban Barn, \$199, urbanbarn.ca.

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As part of Strathcona County's Affordable Housing Plan, potential first-time homeowners are invited to attend a two-part information session on how to make home ownership in Strathcona County a reality.

The two sessions, offered free of charge and open to the public, will provide valuable information on many aspects of home ownership including affordability, credit rating and debts, and the mortgage process.

In addition, qualified applicants will be eligible to receive down payment assistance of up to \$5,000 toward the purchase of their first home.

Session 1: Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Session 2: Saturday, May 29, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sessions will be held at County Hall, located at 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park

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Actress Kim Cattrall will be donning the famous target T-shirt as the face of the annual Fashion Targets Breast Cancer campaign. This year's Joe Fresh Style Fashion Targets Breast Cancer T-shirt will be sold at Loblaws store throughout Canada in May. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Style



Earth-friendly shoes

Even when the heels are worn down and there are holes in the soles, it just doesn't feel right to throw away something as substantial as a shoe. Now you don't have to. Timberland has come out with a boat shoe for men that can be taken apart for recycling when you're done wearing them. The soles are made from 42 per cent recycled tires and the linings come from recycled bottles and organic cotton. Earthkeepers2.0 boat shoe sells for \$120 and are available at Town Shoes.

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Fashion embraces older models

Runways reflect the hunt for newness and newsworthiness

Among the more avant-garde looks shown on the runways of New York, London, Paris and Milan was one that seems ho-hum in real life: grey hair.

More mature models — some even in their, gasp, 40s — were stars at the previews of fall styles. And in the fashion world, that's a radical turn from the use of models not old enough to drive a car, let alone wield a credit card.

"I wanted something different," said Francisco Costa, creative director for the Calvin Klein Collection. "I wanted a cast that really represented a customer I design for, and that's not really a 16-year-old."

Costa hired grey-haired Kristen McNamany, who also ap-

peared at Viktor & Rolf, as well as '90s sensations — and now mothers — Stella Tennant and Kirsty Hume.

Marc Jacobs, widely considered the most influential American designer, cast 47-year-old Elle Macpherson in his Louis Vuitton show, along with Bar Refaeli and Alessandra Ambrosio. Trendsetting Miuccia Prada used Ambrosio, Isabella Fontana, Doutzen Kroes and Miranda Kerr — all best known as voluptuous Victoria's Secret

models and all in their mid-20s, a relatively advanced age for runway models.

It's a smart move by the fashion industry to make itself more relatable to consumers. Costa acknowledges that the tough retail

It also may help counter perennial complaints about skinny models. It's said that age brings wisdom; it also usually brings curves.

The more mature look was on trend with the chic, retro styles shown for fall,

with compassion," says Fish, who helped the Council of Fashion Designers of America launch its health initiative back in 2007. "But I think the compassion came first, and then the fashion suited these bodies. I loved seeing these bodies in Prada. We're always looking for trends at Prada, and seeing Victoria's Secret girls on the Prada runway woke up a lot of people about what a woman should look like."

Older models have had far more success in print, where 41-year-old Christy Turlington and 39-year-old Claudia Schiffer, for example, still star in top-tier campaigns. But while ads have always been specifically crafted to sell something, the runway had been about fantasy.

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climate has helped force design houses to speak more directly to their customers.

"The woman who puts my clothes on needs a certain level of sophistication," says Costa. "We wanted to acknowledge women who have always worn our clothes, women with their own identities, have full lives, have kids."

so helping models' health may be icing on the maybe-not-entirely-fat-free cake.

Still, Nian Fish, creative director at fashion-show powerhouse producer KCD, says designers, stylists, casting agents and modelling agents all collectively heeded the call to put forth a healthier image.

"This is fashion coupled

The Calvin Klein fall 2010 collection modeled during Fashion Week in New York. The more mature look was on-trend with the chic, retro styles shown at the fall fashion shows this year. Left: A fall 2010 creation by designer Marc Jacobs for Louis Vuitton.

Hit the mall with your extra cash

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RefundFun

Tax season is coming to a close and you may have your refund money burning a hole in your pocket.

No matter how big or small your refund may have been, the mall is usually the first destination to spend that extra cash.

If a new wardrobe or a few key pieces are what you're looking for this spring, here are a few style ideas to keep you trendy this spring.



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Dressing up your best friend in a fine leather collar will make your dog feel like the cat's meow. For \$50, you can accessorize your pet with a rugged collar with metallic bone details, available in a number of sizes from Bark and Fitz. For a little less money you can find embellished collars in a variety of colours and patterns.



\$125

A sexy pair of Jessica Simpson pumps from Town Shoes is a perfect way to update your favourite outfits. "Peep toe platforms are great on sky high heels because your foot is raised and not on an angle," says Crissi Giamos spokesperson for Town Shoes. "This shoe is perfect with a pencil skirt."



\$350

Investing in a quality leather jacket is a great way to put your refund money to good use. Danier's men's black leather bomber jacket can carry you through from fall to spring in style. "It will instantly update your wardrobe with this season's hottest trend, leather," says Jennifer Steckel Elliot, VP of marketing for Danier.

\$1,000

If you want to go all out and treat yourself to the ultimate spring accessory, stop by Holt Renfrew and pick up a Michael Kors marine-blue leather tote for \$1,000. With gold tone hardware, a hanging logo plate, tassels and a cinched knotted top, this tote is luxury in a handbag.



Tetley makes tea commitment

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Islands with large tourism industry's and even the military have begun ordering vertical farming units.

Vertical farms growing up

As supplies dwindle, experts see agricultural revolution on horizon

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

The monkeys at England's Paignton Zoo love their fresh, flavorful lettuce. What the monkeys don't know is that they're agricultural revolutionaries: their food comes from Europe's first operating vertical farm.

"Our monkeys eat better than guests at five-star restaurants," Kevin Frediani, Paignton Zoo's plant curator and a former head gardener for Queen Elizabeth. "And it has no pesticides."

But humans would benefit from vertical farms, too,

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industrial-scale vertical farms.

Cities like San Francisco, Providence and Salt Lake City now plan to build farms on top of high-rises. And in 10 years, experts are predicting every major city around the world will have

notes Frediani.

"Soon 90 per cent of people in the Western world will live in cities. Most of their food comes from other cities and other countries, which is unsustainable. The world is on a cusp of an agricultural revolution."

The company of the forefront of that revolution is Valcent, the maker of Paignton Zoo's farm.

"You can have vertical farms in urban warehouses,

former industrial sites, deserts and high-rise buildings," says CEO Chris Bradford.

"But 10 years ago nobody saw a need for vertical farms. Today there's a lot of empty real estate. And people are worried about traditional agriculture's impact on global warming."

"You can grow almost any plant vertically," explains Tim Bentley, Valcent's director of business

development. "The question is if it's economically viable."

For Middle Eastern countries, in turn, vertical farming can be an answer to the dilemma of feeding people with scarce water resources.

By definition, vertical farms aren't suited for food that grows vertically, such as corn and cucumbers, explains Rohit Talwar, CEO of forecasting firm Fast Future.

"And restaurants and supermarkets will have their own vertical farms, too, and make it a selling point to their customers," Talwar said.

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Leonard Nimoy is ready to beam into retirement. The 79-year-old actor, best known for his iconic performance as Spock on the original Star Trek, told the Toronto Sun he plans to retire from acting after his final appearance on Fringe later this season. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)

Nimoy ready to retire

Entertainment

Celebs to wed

Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher have set a wedding date. Sadly, though, it's "not one that we're openly talking about," she said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)

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★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Nikki is a star on the rise

Caribou

Album: Swim
Label: Merge Records
Rating: ★★★★★

CARIBOU IS THE current alias for a Dundas, Ont., musician by the name of Dan Snaith. He's now living in London, England, where he obtained a doctorate in mathematics while building a cult-like following for his laptop musical pastiches of electronic psychedelia. A couple of years ago, he ventured into making music (mostly) with real instruments and band members. The charming alt-rock result was called Andorra and won him the 2008 Polaris Music Prize for best Canadian album of the year. His new release, Swim, merges the old electronica with new alt-rock. The wonderful effects are held together by an innate sense of rhythm that only a math master can have and Snaith's secret love for funk. Give it a chance. It's more accessible than you may think.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Nikki Yanofsky

Album: Nikki
Label: Universal
Rating: ★★★★★

WHILE THE VANCOUVER Olympic anthem I Believe helped propel Montreal's Nikki Yanofsky into

the spotlight, the song did a disservice to the up-and-coming singer. That bland, Celine Dion-ish track did nothing to show off Yanofsky's incredible range, fluid voice and jazz tendencies. Her debut is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes. George and Ira Gershwin's I Got Rhythm, with its hyperactive scatting, is perfect for Yanofsky's big voice; she's not as strong on the slower tracks, such as Grey Skies, but there's no question she's Canada's next big singer.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Taylor Hawkins

Album: Red Light Fever
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ★★★★★

DAVE GROHL MAY have the best sense of humour in the Foo Fighters, but drummer Taylor Hawkins isn't far behind. He named his band the Coattail Riders and on the first track of his new disc he hilariously adds a high-pitched Queen-like harmony to this riff filled hard rock track (with help from Queen's Brian May). The album is what you'd expect — loud guitars, catchy melodies, a mix of rock and pop. Unfortunately, beyond a few funny moments, there's nothing great about the record. It's all fairly even keel rock. It's not a bad side project, but he's lucky he has a secure day job.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Cheap Speakers

Album: The Cheap Speakers
Label: Independent
Rating: ★★★★★

WHILE THE CHEAP Speakers are spirited, sincerity unnervingly combats with overreaching on this six-song debut. Pulling from



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She isn't used enough, however, resulting in a few great moments swallowed up by dudes striving too hard. As Ned Flanders sagely hollered, "A man can't live in good intentions." Well, nor can he listen to them.

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Plants & Animals

Album: La La Land
Label: Secret City/EMI
Rating: ★★★★★

I'VE HAD TROUBLE understanding the allure of Plants and Animals. The Polaris-nominated Parc Avenue was too indulgent for me and I



Nikki Yanofsky's debut album is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes.

couldn't get past some of their Radiohead-ish instrumentation. Fortunately, the new disc is better, though the band still needs to work on a few things. It's louder, they employ the electric guitar more and their best tracks are here. The Mama Papa, for one, is a fantastic rock song that's crisp, short and made for radio. Tom Cruise on the other hand is too brooding, sluggish and at nearly five minutes, it gets a bit repetitive. It's a good followup, but this band still has plenty of room to grow.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Roky Erickson With Okkervil River

Album: True Love Cast Out All Evil
Label: Anti-
Rating: ★★★★★

THIS COLLABORATION BETWEEN two sets of Texans may seem unlikely, but there's

strong chemistry here between 13th Floor Elevators' Roky Erickson and indie favourites Okkervil River. Some of the songs are nearly 40 years old, and Will Sheff arranges each one to suit the burnt out psych rocker's rusted, weary voice. Ranging from country twang to garage to sprawling orch pop, Okkervil River adjust their sound to match his personal tragedies. The source material is enough to warrant a listen (shock treatment, mental illness and imprisonment), but this partnership has the legs to blossom into more than just a one-off.

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Library Voices overcome fear of pop

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

We've all got phobias, but this is a new one: A fear of pop music. That's not a clinical fear, of course, but it's something Michael Dawson, organist and guitarist for Regina's Library Voices, had to overcome.

"We had been terrified of the word pop for years," he says. "It was a little too

shunned upon for us to take it and run with it."

But you can't keep a good pop song down, and soon enough Dawson ditched playing in "noisy" bands and embraced his love of the Beach Boys and the Kinks and The New Pornographers.

Dawson, and his seven other bandmates, realized that bubbly pop wasn't something to hide from when they did what every

20-something with a vinyl collection does — listen to old records. "We heard these old tracks that we loved over the years and came to the conclusion that there's so much more to these songs than guitar, bass and vocals."

It was then the band was born. Library Voices sounds a lot like The New Pornographers — multi-layered harmonies, rich, peppy instrumentation,

chants, cheers and male, female vocals. It's incredibly catchy and while the band still have some work to do before they write an album as brilliant as the Pornos' Mass Romantic, their well crafted power pop tunes should only get better with time.

Despite being relative newcomers on the Canadian music scene, they're already garnering a ton of buzz.



Denim on Denim features multi-layered harmonies, rich, peppy instrumentation, chants, cheers and male and female vocals.

"Attendance is picking up," says Dawson. "We've put in the work — over

100 shows last year — and people are starting to take notice."

Oz prequel on the way?

It could happen, according to the LA Times, which is reporting that Disney has put a Wizard of Oz prequel on "a fast track of sorts" with Robert Downey Jr. in talks to star as the wizard, and Sam Mendes on the short list to direct. **EW.COM**

Message lost in sea of beauty

Oceans

Directors: Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud
Stars: Pierce Brosnan (narrator)
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Following the success of the last year's *Earth*, Disney's new documentary label has produced another mammoth non-fiction effort entitled *Oceans* (no points for guessing what it's about).

Shot over four years with new underwater filmmaking technology created specifically for the project, *Oceans* is an undeniably impressive technical achievement.

Stunning footage of sea life that was never possible to capture before will certainly thrill audiences even if the movie never amounts to more than an impressive showreel for

new technology. Fortunately, it's difficult to be bothered by that too much when watching all of the extraordinary footage projected on a giant screen.

With its Earth Day release date, the film obviously offers some well-timed environmental messages about the pressing need to take better care of our environment.

Disturbing satellite footage highlighting a black polluted runoff pouring into the oceans will disgust many viewers, while Pierce Brosnan's soothing British voice spells out the dangers of these issues in no uncertain terms.

However, the film doesn't really offer any compelling argument to justify all of the political finger wagging and heart string-pulling footage of adorable animals.

The movie is merely a collection of the most impressive images a massive crew of underwater film-



Oceans showcases some of the most stunning footage captured underwater.

makers could capture with a near limitless budget and production schedule.



The result may boast a significant "wow" factor, but it's a shame that no one bothered to come up with a concise theme or structure to give it all a clear meaning.

There is a nice message about nature conservation and the majesty of the great blue yonder to be found in *Oceans*. It's just difficult to determine what specific arguments the filmmakers want to impart on the viewers. The movie is aimed at children and they shouldn't mind quite so much about the questionable substance.

All they'll care about are the pretty blue images of ocean life that the filmmakers deliver for 85 minutes.

An unfocused documentary, but also an undeniably beautiful one.

A climate warning for military

BOOK It is a military truism that an army ought to stand its ground. But what if the ground it's standing on is melting, becoming prone to floods, or is outright disappearing?

Climate change is turning conventional military wisdom on its head, something Canada has been at pains to grasp, according to Cleo Paskal, author of *Global Warring: How Environmental, Economic, and Political Crises Will Redraw the World Map*.

The book, which came out earlier this year, has created a storm, no pun intended, in policy circles. It has found its way onto reading lists at the U.S. Army War College, and the Montreal-based author is now being tapped as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Paskal has produced a compellingly simple thesis: countries need to rethink their approach to geopolitics because their borders are physically changing.

Canada, however, has failed to respond to the call, says Paskal. Given the face of the Arctic could be altered dramatically in the coming years, the debate is hardly abstract.

"The discussions about the degree of change and what it's going to mean for that region — socially, economically, culturally, politically — is not happening," Paskal said.

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Thursday screentimes for *Oceans*

- **North Edmonton Cinemas:** 7-9:20
No Passes 12-2:10-4:30-6:45-9
- **South Edmonton:** 7-9:20
- **Scotiabank Theatre West:** Common: No Passes 12-2:30-5:7:30-10
- **Mall:** No Passes 12-2:20-4:40-



Manufactured Landscapes, above, and *An Inconvenient Truth* are two good examples of the growing trend of eco-docs.

Going green at a theatre near you

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



Every holiday has its canonical film, *White Christmas* to *Halloween*.

But Earth Day may be the only red-letter date on the calendar whose cinematic standard is a documentary: Davis Guggenheim's 2006 Oscar winner *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Whatever one's feelings may be about Guggenheim's Powerpoint-style aesthetics, his film's massive box-office success instigated a boom period for the production and distribution of environmentally themed documentaries.

"The scene has exploded," says Kathleen Murphy, the director of programming for the Toronto-based Planet in Focus Film Festival, which takes an

annual survey of ecologically-minded non-fiction films (this year's edition runs Oct 13-17).

"People have always tried to make movies about these issues, but there is more interest now, and so there is also more money, and more exposure through festivals, and a bigger audience."

The audience has grown to the point where Planet in Focus has expanded to include year-long initiatives: later this month, their Mixed Greens screening series will show Tadashi Orui's new documentary *The Scars of Mercury*, which analyzes the fallout of chemical dumping on an First Nations community in Dryden, Ont. (the film screens on Friday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardiner Museum).

Made in Canada

Here are two documentaries with a Canadian twist. Now all you need is a solar-powered DVD player to watch them on.

• **Manufactured Landscapes:** Canadian master Jennifer Baichwal's profile of photographer Edward Burtynsky features chilling, otherworldly footage of China's ruinous Three Gorges Dam project.

• **Petropolis:** This short piece by Peter Mettler is comprised solely of abstract shots of Alberta's tar sands, images which resonates with a strange beauty

Lina Cino, a campaigner for the Toronto Environmental Alliance — a grassroots organization focused on changes within the urban sphere — is a fan of

many of the recent eco-docs, but says that their effect on audiences isn't necessarily galvanizing.

"With some of these films, there is a risk that people will be overwhelmed by the size of the issues being discussed," she says. "It can be paralyzing. But it's also important, and fantastic, that these films raise awareness of what's going on."

She cites Min Sook Lee's recent TIFF selection *My Toxic Baby*, which cast a skeptical eye on the chemical makeup of many childcare products, as an example of a documentary that understands how to get through to its audiences.

"One way to get people to change their behaviour," says Cino, "is to make it clear what the consequences may be for their children."

TV drama *Rescue Me* will return for its penultimate sixth season on June 29, followed by the series premiere of the comedy, *Louie*, FX announced yesterday. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Kate gets the boot from Dancing

Judges show no mercy, comparing Gosselin's moves to coat hanger

Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin has one fewer jobs to juggle.

The author and reality star was eliminated Tuesday from *Dancing With the Stars*, leaving seven couples in the competition.

Gosselin failed to ignite the ballroom, landing near the bottom of the judges' leaderboard during five weeks of dancing.

She and professional partner Tony Dovolani came into Tuesday's results show with the week's lowest score: 15 points out of 30 for a lacklustre fox-trot.

"I think Tony could have had more life out of a frock on a coat hanger," judge Bruno Tonioli said Monday.

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to

determine which celebrity is eliminated each week.

Dovolani praised his partner as she dabbed her eyes with a tissue after learning their fate.

"I give her all the credit for showing up, as exhausted as she was, she still showed up every day," he said.

"You showed America that it doesn't matter how much things go against you, you still come out here and give it your best."

Gosselin, a 35-year-old mother of twins and sextuplets, starred for several seasons with her ex-husband, Jon, in the hit TLC reality show *Jon & Kate Plus 8*. The show collapsed as the couple's marriage fell apart.

She said through tears Tuesday that she was honoured to have been on the

hit ABC show.

"I love everyone that I met," she said, apologizing for being "a crybaby."

"It was a great experience," she continued. "I had a wonderful teacher." She said that despite her low scores, she gave her best in the ballroom.

"I was scared to death most of the time to be out here," she added.

Gosselin and her ex-husband are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody.

Earlier this month, his attorney accused the reality mom of neglecting the children to appear on *Dancing With the Stars*, a charge her attorney rejected as "patently false."

Kate Gosselin is the fourth contestant to be dismissed from *Dancing*.



Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin was the latest *Dancing with the Stars* contestant to be voted off the popular show Tuesday night.

Soap star Aiden Turner, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and actress Shannan Doherty were eliminated on previous episodes.

Returning to dance on Monday's episode are singer Nicole Scherzinger,

Olympic figure skater Evan Lysacek, actresses Pamela Anderson and Niecy Nash, reality star Jake Pavelka, sportscaster Erin Andrews and football star Chad Ochocinco.

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Stewart and Colbert ink new deals

PEOPLE The late-night lineup is shifting on TV but not at Comedy Central. The cable channel has signed new deals to keep Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central said Tuesday that in separate agreements, Stewart agreed to host *The Daily Show* through June 2013 and Colbert will stick with *The Colbert Report* until the end of 2012.

The two shows air in the 11 p.m. to midnight Eastern block.

The contract extensions were announced a week after Conan O'Brien said after a short stint at *The Tonight Show*, his home will be cable channel TBS. O'Brien, who will host a late-night show later this year that will compete with Stewart and Colbert, left NBC after the network sought to move him and *Tonight* to make way for Jay Leno's return to late night.

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Sharkwater

If Michael Moore had a thing for sharks, he'd be Rob Stewart. This documentary special is the Toronto filmmaker and shark enthusiast's warning screed about the threat to the shark population posed by the demand for their fins. Shark-fin soup is a prized dish in Asia, thanks to the belief that sharks don't get sick. Breathtaking and often disturbing footage and interviews spin a dire story with implications for the environment — and us. 6 PM on DISC



L'Horloge Biologique

It's guys, not gals, who hear their biological clocks ticking in this French-language comedy from 2005. Jean-François Pearson, Pierre-François Legendre, Patrice Robitaille (star as three 30-something guys dealing with different aspects of real or potential fatherhood: One is a new dad, the other is about to be, and the third is under pressure to become one. Emotional crises and angst ensue, but so do laughs. 7 PM on BRAVO

In brief

TELEVISION David Beckham will join the ladies of *The View* as a guest on Monday. ABC says it will be the first time the soccer superstar has appeared on the weekday talk show. The 34-year-old midfielder is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon which he injured playing for the AC Milan while on loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy. In February, his wife, singer-model-businesswoman Victoria Beckham, co-hosted *The View* with regular hosts including Barbara Walters and Whoopi Goldberg.

STAGE Hal Holbrook has performed on stage as Mark Twain far longer than Twain did himself. His 56 years of one-man Mark Twain Tonight! shows reached a milestone yesterday in Elmira, N.Y., on the centenary of the author's death. He didn't need to pencil in wrinkles when the curtain came up at the renovated vaudeville theatre that bears the humourist's real name, Samuel L. Clemens. Elmira is where Twain wrote most of his best-known works, including the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

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Kal Penn robbed

As TMZ first reported, actor Kal Penn was robbed at gunpoint in Washington, D.C., early Tuesday morning, his rep confirmed. The 32-year-old has been working in the capital for the Obama administration. **EW.COM**

Cameron's eco Avatar

King of global box office wants to save the world

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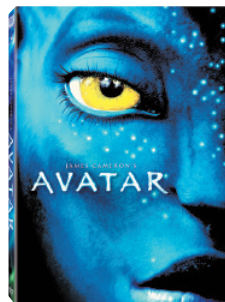
For James Cameron, green is the new blue.

The Canadian-born filmmaker stumbled upon his own Pandora — the edenic fantasy world of his megafilm *Avatar* populated by indigo-tinged aliens who battle humans to save their habitat — during a press tour of Brazil last month. And not unlike *Avatar* hero Jake Sully, Cameron joined the country's Amazonian tribes in their protest against plans to build a dam that could displace thousands of indigenous people.

"It was life changing. By a long series of events finding myself in what is like a real-life *Avatar*-like drama, it was pretty amazing," Cameron tells Metro over the phone from Los Angeles.

The Hollywood powerhouse is currently in full eco-activist mode. The *Avatar* website now hosts plenty of information about environmental issues and Cameron's company will sponsor the planting of a million trees around the world. Fans of the film are being urged to help out in the green drive when they buy the DVD or Blue-ray, which go on sale today to coincide with Earth Day.

Avatar is out on DVD and Blue-ray today



Cameron, a native of Kapuskasing, Ont., is also throwing his weight behind opposition to the controversial Athabasca oil-sands project in Alberta and is openly critical of the Canadian government for not doing enough for renewable energy. He will be attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York this Saturday where he intends to learn more about the issue.

Despite the newfound environmentalism, Cameron remains a director at heart. He has already filmed his visits to Brazil and wants to return to the country's tribal areas to "shoot more stuff, maybe even in 3-D."

"(It will be) less about protesting the dam and more about chronicling their culture and their concerns, the way the civilized world is encroaching on



Avatar director James Cameron has turned to environmental activism ever since his visit to Brazil.

them ... roll that into a documentary which may have its own life separate from the DVD release and/or we may have some cut-piece that goes into the

special edition DVD in November," the 56-year-old director says.

Cameron also admits that his recent experiences will probably end up influ-

encing the *Avatar* sequel, for which he has already chalked up a rough story. But as far as Cameron's approach to filmmaking goes, there's one thing that won't change — the emotional heft that underpins all his movies.

Cameron attributes the success of his films to his ability to make the audience relate to his characters and storylines. He insists that *Avatar* became the top-grossing film of all time because it was "firing on all eight cylinders" and not just 3-D effects.

"My films have been criticized sometimes for being simplistic. I think they operate on multiple levels. I think the surface level is very clear, so the audience is always well grounded in ... what they are supposed to be feeling. As a filmmaker, I am not afraid to go for an emotional response. I think some filmmakers are. They need to be cool. I'm not afraid to be uncool," Cameron says.

Avatar: DVD and beyond

- There are no bonus features in the DVD and Blue-ray versions being released today. James Cameron says: "It takes time to generate good supplemental material. We didn't want to crash together a bunch of bogus stuff." There will be no trailers either as Cameron wanted to use every bit of disc space to preserve the film's picture quality.

- Cameron's currently working on extra footage that was left out of the film's original cut. Cameron says: "We're taking a number of scenes and finishing them up to the level of the rest of the film. It takes time and it takes literally millions of dollars." The extended cut will be re-released in theatres in August.

- There are no plans for a 3-D DVD release yet. Cameron says there isn't enough of the technology to go around to make it a viable option.

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The lighter side of killing yourself

TV SHOW Eric Schaeffer likes to talk about, and dramatize, issues other people hold in isolated silence.

Such as eating disorders. That's a topic he served up brilliantly on his serio-comic series *Starved*. But for whatever reason, viewers didn't treat themselves to *Starved* during its brief run on FX five years ago.

Now Schaeffer has an even less appetizing idea for a series: suicide, and people who have given it a try.

Gravity, his offbeat new dramedy, focuses on a support group for otherwise diverse New Yorkers whose

common bond is their failed attempts to end it all — and their shared urgency to try again.

The cast includes Ving Rhames as the support group's leader, a burly ex-Major Leaguer whose bungled attempt has left him in a wheelchair. Rachel Hunter plays an over-the-hill supermodel who attempted suicide after her agent proposed that she appear on a *Where Are They Now?* special. As Lily, Krysten Ritter is a sexy lost soul who flat-lined after scarfing down a hunk of chocolate cake she spiked with crumbled codeine tablets.

And Schaeffer plays a

cop who investigates Lily's suicide attempt, then, in the guise of his continuing investigation ("suicide is a crime," he informs her), indulges in what seems like obsessive vigilance.

Gravity, which premieres Friday at 10:30 p.m. ET on Movie Central and The Movie Network in Canada, is funnier than it sounds. It is also cringingly twisted at times and occasionally very sad.

And it will prove readily relatable to viewers, whether they might think so or not — or so Schaeffer insists.

"We all know that we're lots of things, all the time,

and that's what makes us human," he declares. "But for some reason, in our movies and our TV shows and when we're talking to each other, we're not allowed to say that."

To do so, he goes on, would mean "accessing conflicting beliefs in our own personality."

Schaeffer seems to work overtime accessing conflicting beliefs in personalities — especially his own. In *Starved*, he drew upon a real-life paradox: the eating disorder that continues to plague him today, despite his yoga-toned, 5-foot-8-inch, 165-pound frame. He says he fantasizes about



Gravity stars Krysten Ritter and Ivan Sergei.

dropping 15 pounds. If only.

"It's OK in daylight hours," he says one recent morning between healthy bites of a grapefruit in a diner near his Upper West Side apartment. "The problem is: Do I eat cake and ice cream, and how MUCH

of it will I eat, and how often, late at night, alone, on my couch? That continues."

Fortunately, suicide isn't such a pressing matter for him. "But I have an ability to slide into a dark side," he allows.

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Griffith opens up about addiction

Melanie Griffith entered rehab for the third time last August, and the Oscar-nominated actress has found new strength in her ongoing struggle to stay sober. "Addiction's a tough enemy to defeat," Griffith told people.com "I think of it as a monster." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

Third time's a charm for Mariah

MONSTROUS EXCESS. IT'S A DIVA THING Mariah Carey is to marry Nick Cannon for a third time this month, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who originally tied the knot in 2008 — plan to renew their vows again on April 30, their two-year wedding anniversary, with the singer already demanding more expensive jewellery from her spouse to mark the occasion.

"We get married every year! That's our thing. So it's going to be our third wedding this year," Cannon said. "That's what we'll be doing on the



actual anniversary... We'll do something ... a party or event, just to celebrate. This is the third ring I have to buy. It'll be something different — something good." According to leaked

details of her 2010 tour rider, the singer is just as demanding backstage as she is with her husband.

The rider specifies that Mariah's dressing room has "no busy patterns" although "black, dark grey, cream and dark pink" are all fine, and she should also be provided with a "lamp or clip light," so harsh lighting can be turned off.

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RiRi hospitalized for mysterious ailment

AFTER HEARING UMBRELLA FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, HER EARDRUMS SUDDENLY LET OUT A TORTURED SHRIEK, DETACHED THEMSELVES FROM HER EARS, AND RAN FOR THEIR LIVES Rihanna was rushed to the hospital in Switzerland after performing to a sell-out crowd at Zurich's Hallenstadion Arena, though why the singer needed to be hospitalized wasn't made clear, according to PopCrunch.

"Rihanna arrived at the accident and emergency unit. We're not going to give any details," a medical center rep says. After roughly two and half hours of treatment, the singer was

released and was able to perform in France the next night.



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RUSSELL BRAND is trying to make sense of things, **GAYLE KING** is influenced by TV shows, and **JIM CARREY** is feeling good about himself.

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@JimCarrey In a world where 'sane' often means 'inauthentic', I'd prefer to be called mad-man!



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A squatter at Casa Sheen?

GOLD DIGGING? UR DOING IT WRONG Even though she's allegedly through with her marriage to Charlie Sheen, Brooke Mueller is reportedly refusing to move out of their Los Angeles mansion.

"She has not moved out and she doesn't want to move out. She's furious and not talking to Charlie," a source says, ac-

cording to Hollyscoop. Sources say Mueller is furious over reports that Sheen has been cheating on her. "They've had some crazy times together but this really hurt her."

Her brother, Scott Mueller, is coming to her defense, though, saying she is just "trying to be a good mother."

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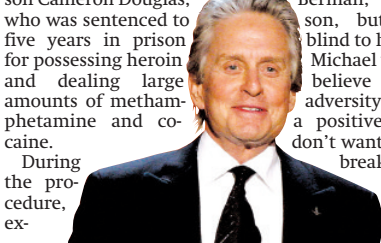


Douglas defends his son

PARENTING: UR DOING IT WRONG Michael Douglas attended the New York sentencing hearing for his son Cameron Douglas, who was sentenced to five years in prison for possessing heroin and dealing large amounts of methamphetamine and cocaine.

During the procedure, excerpts from the veteran actor's note to the judge were read, according to X17 Online. "Judge Berman, I love my son, but I'm not blind to his actions," Michael wrote. "I do believe out of this adversity he will be a positive citizen. I don't want to see him break."

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Jude and Sienna stranded in LA

OF COURSE NOT AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE OTHER PLEBEIANS. GEEZ. Jude Law and Sienna Miller spent longer in Los Angeles than intended, as they were stranded in California while flights back to Europe were canceled due to the ash cloud from the eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano. But with Heathrow Airport open again, the couple have checked out of their Beverly Hills hotel and are heading home to London where they've recently been house-hunting, according to Popsugar.

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Miley ready to leave the nest

FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN OF THE CYRUS CLAN THAT'S PROBABLY IN HER BEST INTEREST While only 17 years old, Miley Cyrus is ready to live on her own, according to Radar Online. The Disney star reportedly purchased a \$3.4 million last year, and renovations on 4,000-foot Spanish-style property were recently completed.

The home, which is mere steps from her parents' house, has four bedrooms, a tennis court, a swimming pool and a recording studio.



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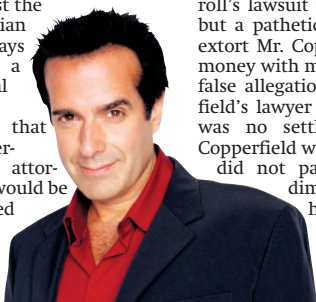
Woman drops Copperfield sexual assault charges

HE MADE THEM DISAPPEAR. *GOLF CLAPS* THANK YOU, I'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK The woman suing David Copperfield for sexual assault has dropped her case against the magician just days after a federal judge ruled that Copperfield's attorneys would be allowed to question her

under oath, according to People magazine.

Lacey Carroll had alleged that Copperfield lured her to his private island and raped her in 2007. "Carroll's lawsuit was nothing but a pathetic attempt to extort Mr. Copperfield for money with malicious and false allegations," Copperfield's lawyer says. "There was no settlement. Mr. Copperfield would not and did not pay Carroll a dime to drop her lawsuit."

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Shepherd's son set for pretrial program

CELEBRITY CHILDREN ARE ALL THE RAGE THIS LOCK-UP SEASON Cybill Shepherd's son, Cyrus Zacharia Shepherd-Oppenheim, will enroll in a pretrial diversion program after he was arrested in January for allegedly trying to rob sleeping passengers on an overnight flight from San Francisco to Philadelphia, people.com reports.

Shepherd-Oppenheim, whose father is Cy-

bill Shepherd's ex-husband Bruce Oppenheim, appeared in Philadelphia Municipal Court on Tuesday, according to local reports. Prosecutors say his record will be cleared if he abides by all conditions of the program, which is designed for first-time offenders.

The law student at the University of Pennsylvania, 22, was charged with stealing a camera, cash and other items from passengers' carry-on luggage. Another hearing is scheduled for June 4.

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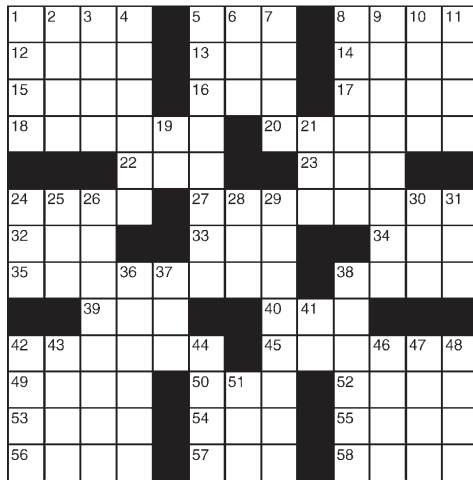

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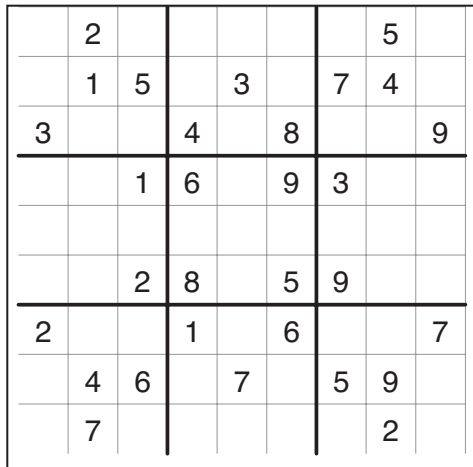
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Tear in two
 5 Mini-whopper
 8 "Yeah, right!"
 12 Addict
 13 Guitar's cousin
 14 Cartoonist Goldberg
 15 Capri or Wight
 16 Born
 17 Oklahoma city
 18 "Simpsons" bully
 20 Palm leaves
 22 Firmament
 23 Actor Ron
 24 Needing liniment
 27 Pal
 32 Letter before sigma
 33 Blood typing letters
 34 Diving bird
 35 Alternative to Szechwan
 38 Unit of force
 39 Conger, for one

40 Lamb's mama
 42 Between — and Charybdis
 45 Squealed, puppy-style
 49 Castro's place
 50 Once around
 51 Met melody
 53 Act the robot
 54 Tackle the slopes
 55 Standard
 56 Links props
 57 Feedbag tidbit
 58 Keats output

DOWN

1 Destroy
 2 Being, to Brutus
 3 Jodie Foster movie
 4 Black-tie
 5 Specialized drag racer
 6 Mamie's man
 7 Complaint
 8 Colored ring
 9 Start of the "Sesame Street" theme song
 10 Footnote ab-

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	7	2	9	8	4	5	1	6
9	1	4	2	5	6	3	7	8
5	6	8	1	3	7	4	2	9
1	5	6	3	7	2	8	9	4
7	8	9	4	6	5	2	3	1
4	2	3	8	1	9	7	6	5
6	4	7	5	9	3	1	8	2
2	9	1	7	4	8	6	5	3
8	3	5	6	2	1	9	4	7

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Potato Cakes with Leeks and Feta

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb russet potatoes, peeled
 1/3 cup leeks, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced into half moons
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 1/3 cup feta cheese, crumbled
 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for salad
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place a 12-cup non-stick muffin tin in the oven to heat.
 2. Grate potatoes using the large holes of a box grater or slice into matchsticks. Toss potato with leeks, salt and pepper and transfer to a sieve set over a large bowl; let drain for about 5 minutes. Squeeze the potato mixture, a handful at a time, over the bowl to release excess moisture

3. Drain off liquid in bowl leaving any white sediment (potato starch) remaining in the bottom. Return potatoes to bowl with starch, add egg and feta and stir until thoroughly mixed. Remove hot muffin tin from oven, working carefully, and quickly spray the inside of eight muffin tins with olive oil cooking spray and fill with potato mixture, (about 1/3 cup each). Lightly spray the tops of each potato cup with olive oil spray and return pan to oven. Bake until crispy and golden brown, about 20 to 25 minutes.

SERVES 4

• Serve this with our Rosette Salad with Almonds. Find the recipe at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.



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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 It should be obvious by now that certain methods and routines are no longer relevant to the way you want to live your life. Make the change today!



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 The facts may point you in one direction but your instincts are telling you differently. You know from experience how bad it can be to ignore them.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 You may or may not think of yourself as an ideas person but your mind will be on the move constantly today. Big rewards for the full moon on the 28th.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 You seem determined to challenge the status quo. Why is that? Maybe it's a passing phase, but the planets suggest you've had enough.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 Be patient and don't expect instant results. If you heed this message you will get everything you desire and more – if you don't, you'll mess it up.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 Don't fall into the trap of acceptance an explanation for something just because it seems like the most rational solution.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 You don't have to take one particular path through life. There are numerous paths to self-discovery and you can take as many or as few as feel right.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 No amount of wishful thinking will change your current situation for the better, and once you accept that you can start doing something about it.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 Someone close needs you to talk to them and ease their fears. Someone at work needs your opinion. It's all about other people today.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 Just because something that happened recently was outside your range of experience does not give you an excuse to ignore it. Investigate it.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Certain things are simply not worth arguing about and once you accept that fact you will find it much easier to focus on what is important to you.



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